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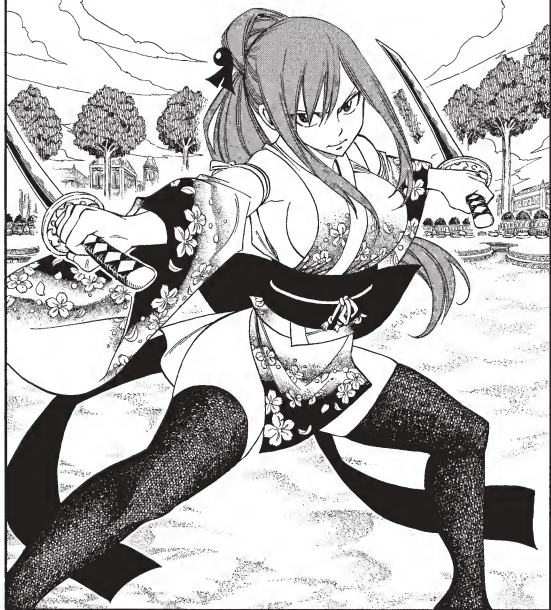
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Hiro Mashima
Creator of Rave Master

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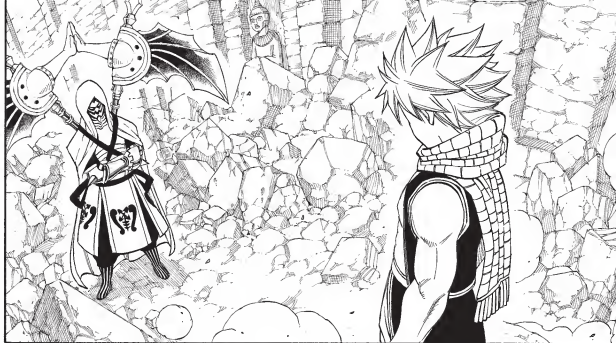
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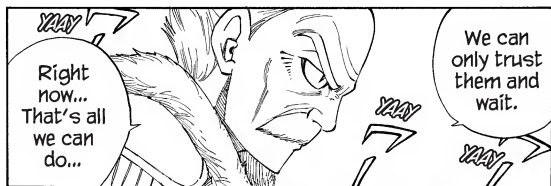
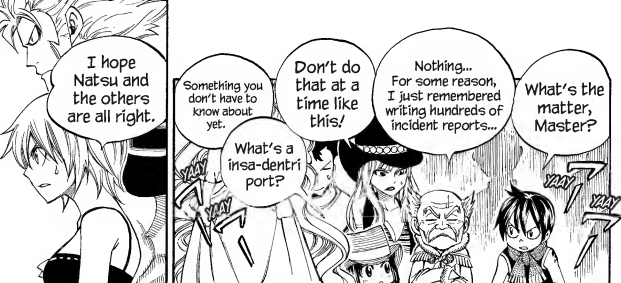
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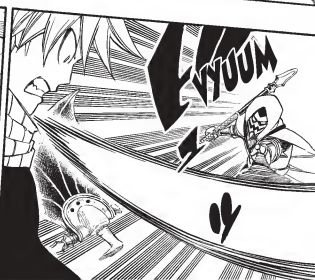
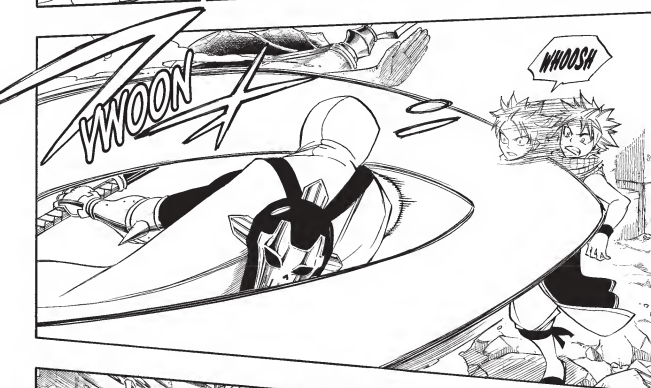
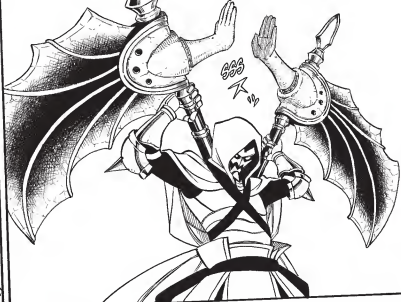
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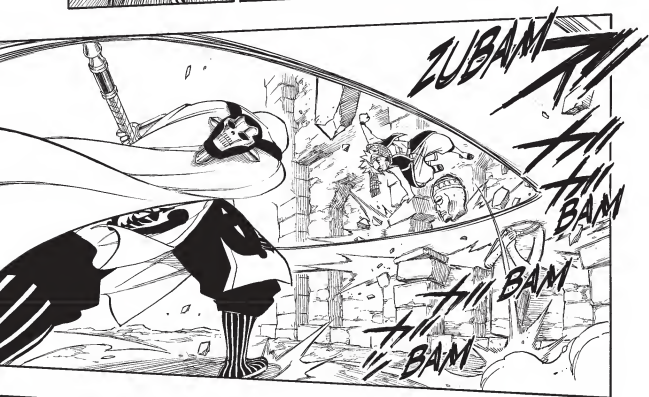
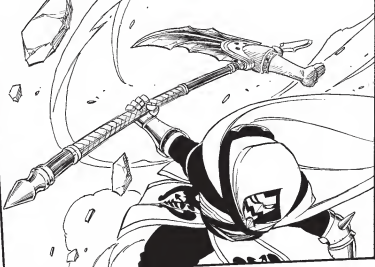


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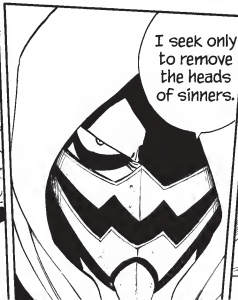








You're
a pretty
scary
guy!



I seek only
to remove
the heads
of sinners.



This
guy...

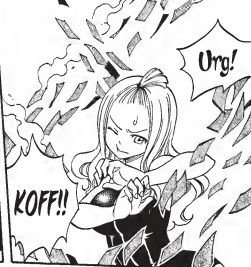




These people...



Green paper is the spirit of poison!



Urg!

KOFF!!



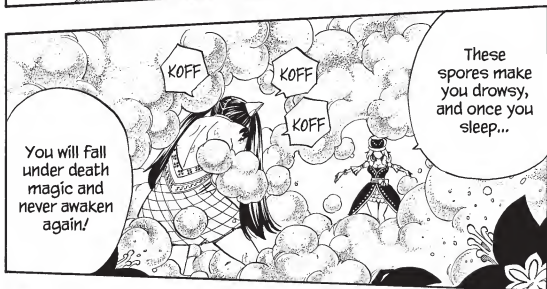
They really are trying to kill us...



BOOM BOOM

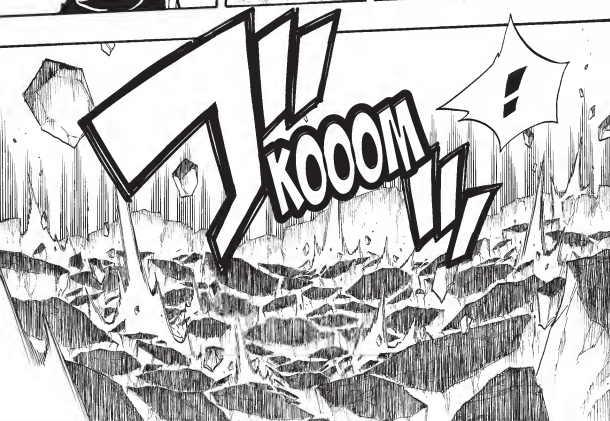


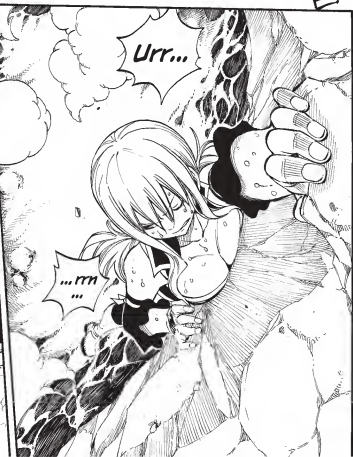
SPORE BOMB, RINKA RENKA!



... LAVA
BAND!!!!

EARTH
EFFECT...

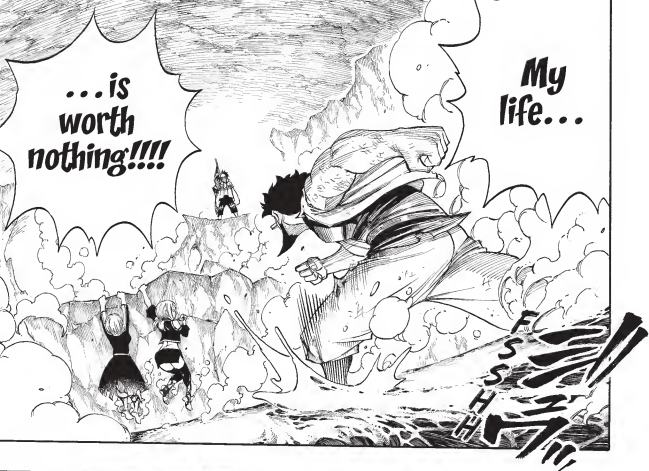






...is
worth
nothing!!!!

My
life...



HRG-
YAAHH
!!

U
R
G
H
H
!!

Hey!!
What
are
you
doing
?!!



Can a
human even
stand in
lava?

AA

AA
!!

AAA

AA

AA

AA

AA

AA

F
U
S
H
H
H





**Hurry
!!!**

**Get...
up!!!**

**N
G
A
H
H
H
!!!**



**Hurry
and get
up here
yourself
!!!!**

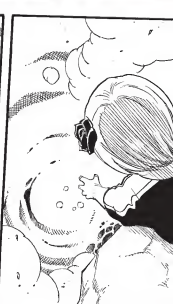
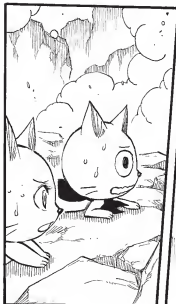
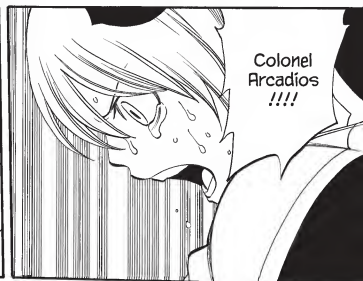
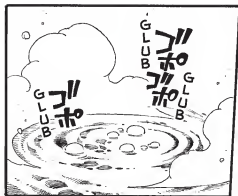


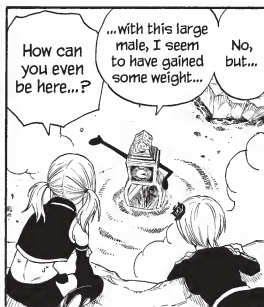
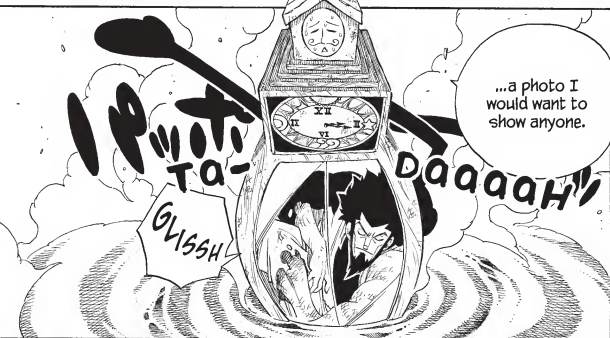
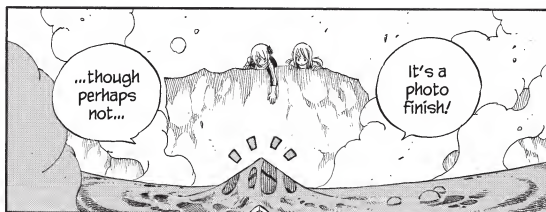
Kh...



**Colonel
Arcadiós!!!**



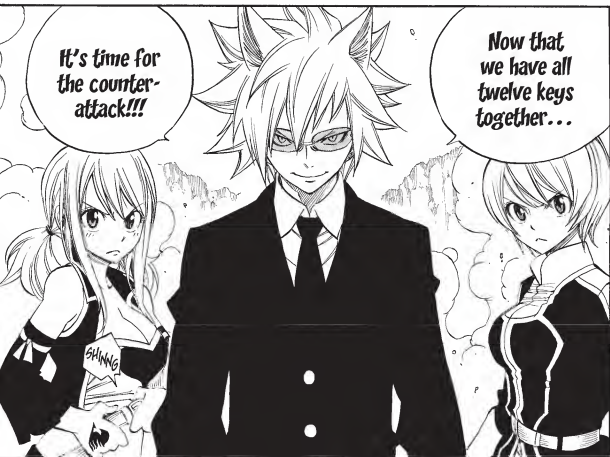


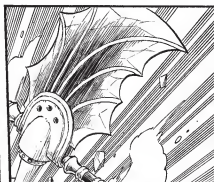
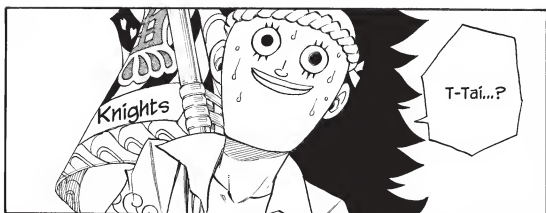




CHANK!

Now your
"stars" are
with you
again.



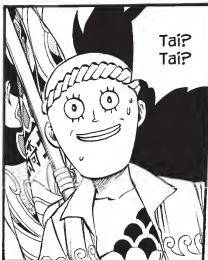


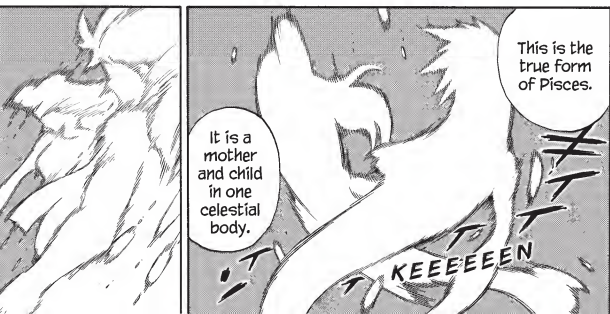
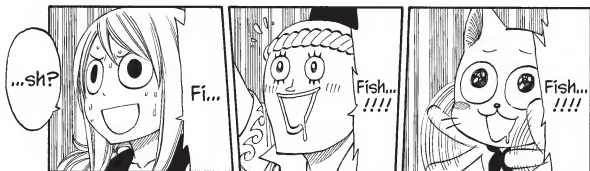
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Chapter 310: The Place Where We Are









We were
called in
this form,
Mama...

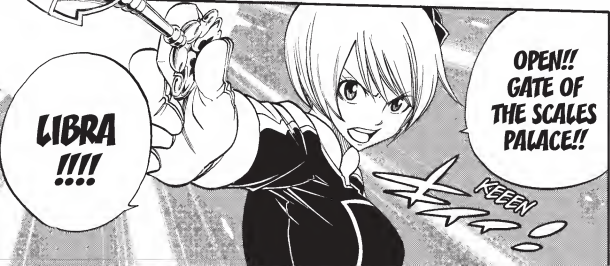
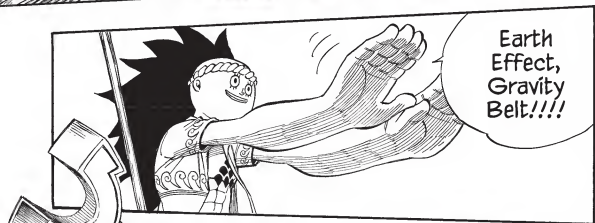
Yes! That
means we
eliminate
the enemy,
my son!



If you
please!

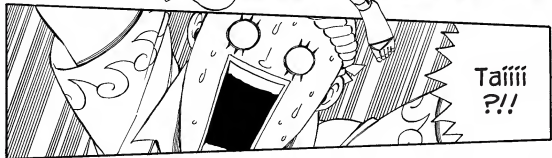


She
hasn't changed.
Who'd ever think
someone that
gorgeous would
have a kid?

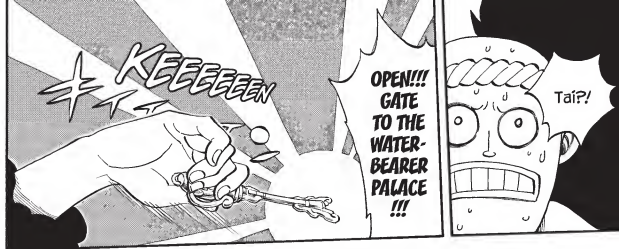


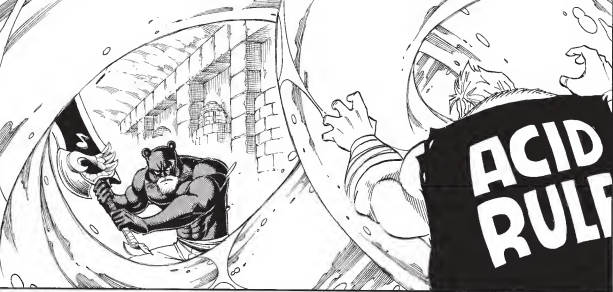


Gravity
Change
Offset
!!!!





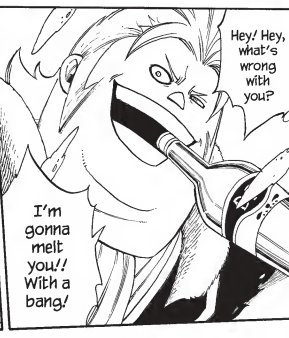




Those *iron*
fists!!! I can't
remember how
many times
they hit my
body!

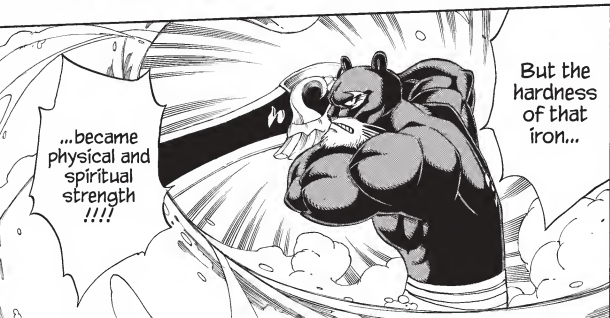


I'm reminded
of the days
I spent
training with
Gajeel.



Hey! Hey,
what's
wrong
with
you?

I'm
gonna
melt
you!!
With a
bang!



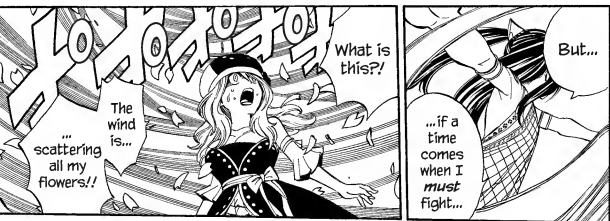
...became
physical and
spiritual
strength
!!!!

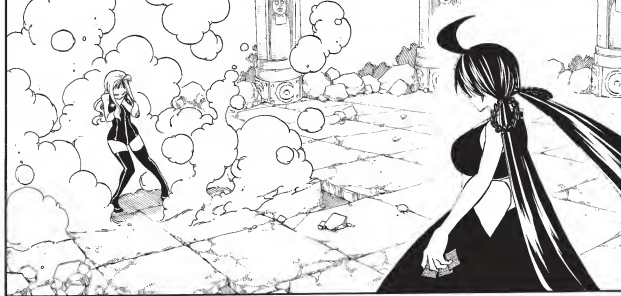
But the
hardness
of that
iron...

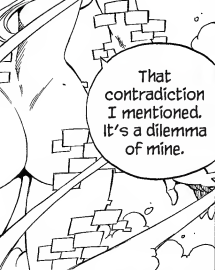


And most
of all, an
unbeatable
iron will
!!!!









That contradiction I mentioned. It's a dilemma of mine.



Whenever I think that somebody's watching, I tend to suppress my own power.

BOOM

You know... at the stadium... or when my friends are close...



Huh?

You're kidding!

You just sucked in the poison...



...that's when I feel it's okay to use all of my power.

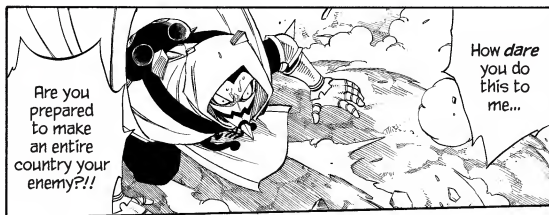
But when I'm all alone...



That's one of the devil's favorite things.



You gave a devil poison?

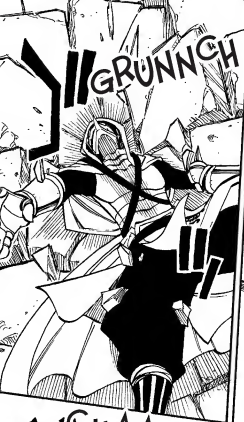


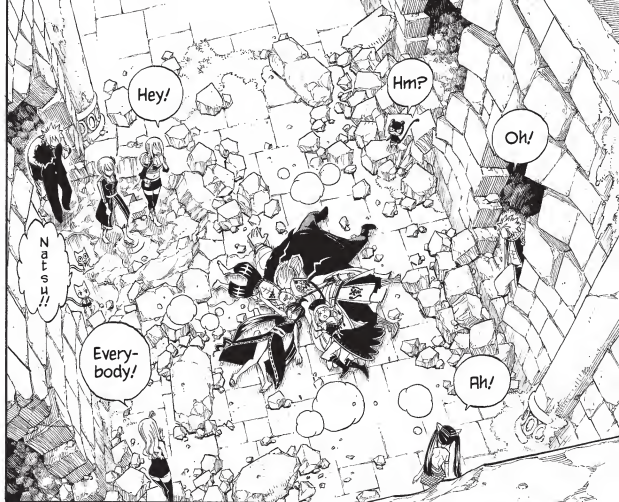


If it means
protecting our
guild... Our
family...

...we'll
make enemies
of a country
or the whole
world!!!!

ACID
FIRE





FAIRY TAIL

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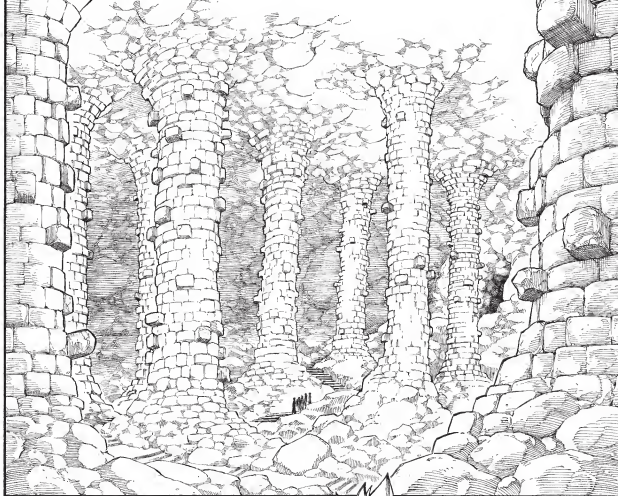
Grand Magic Games Final Day Interim Results

Members left

		Leader	Normal
1. Fairy Tail	50P	● x1 ▼	○ x4 ▽
2. Saber Tooth	49P	● x1 ▼	○ x3 ▽
2. Lamia Scale	49P	● x1 ▼	○ x2 ▽
4. Mermaid Heel	43P	● x1 ▼	○ x1 ▽



Chapter 311: The Land of Until Tomorrow





The
Jade
Dragon,
Zirconis.

That
dragon
...

Jade
...

It serves
as an
extremely
powerful
protective
amulet.



It is
probably
thanks to
that jade
stone he is
wearing.



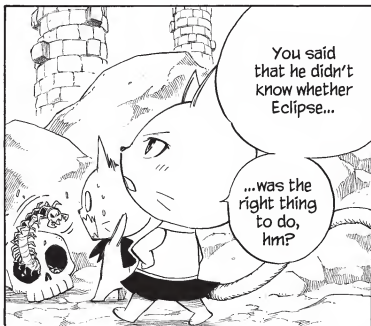
Arcadios
told us to
talk to th
princess if
we got out
of here.



And the
princess is
named Hisui,
which also
means "jade."

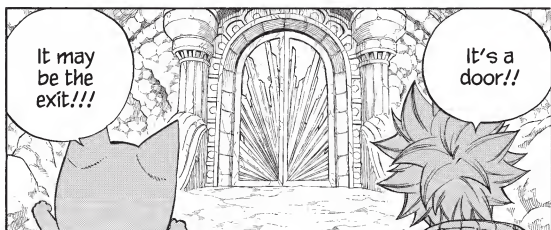


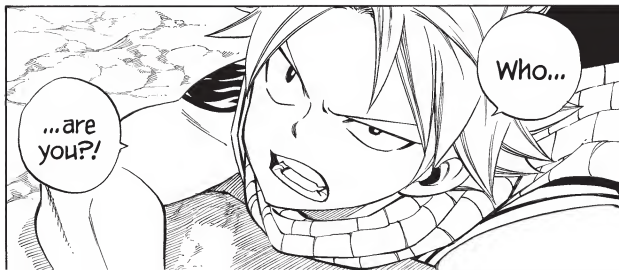
It was that princess
that dropped us
in here in the first
place!!!!

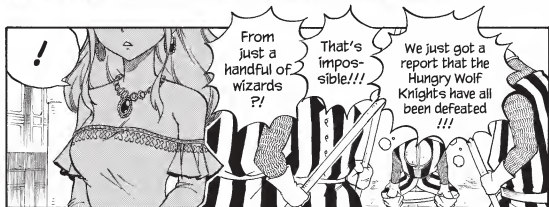
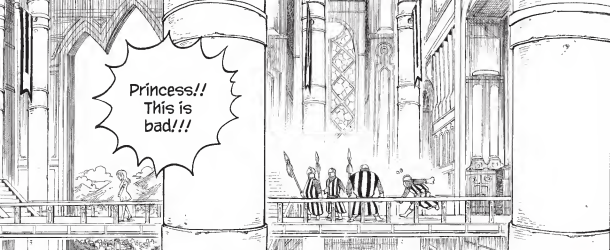


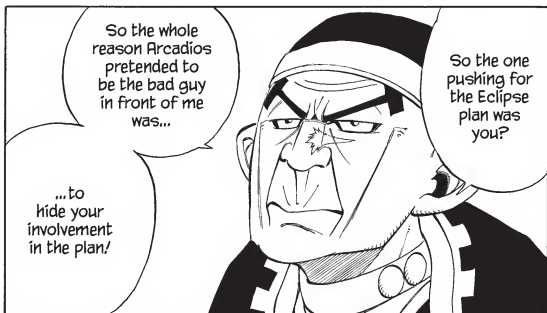
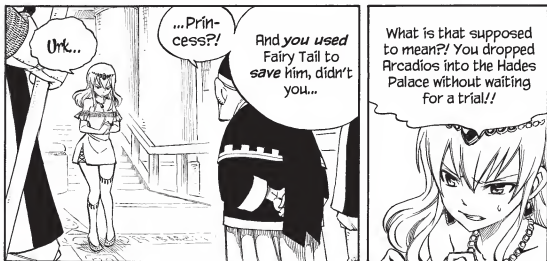
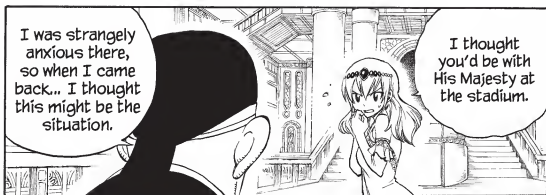
You said
that he didn't
know whether
Eclipse...

...was the
right thing
to do,
hm?









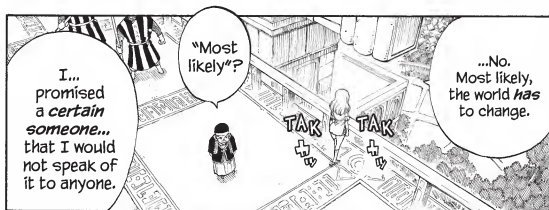


Princess...I beg you to reconsider.

That thing is too dangerous. We mustn't change the world!



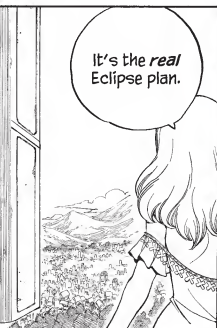
I should have expected you to see through us.



"Most likely"?

...No. Most likely, the world *has* to change.

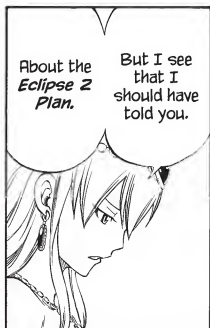
I... promised a *certain* someone... that I would not speak of it to anyone.



It's the *real* Eclipse plan.



Two ?!!



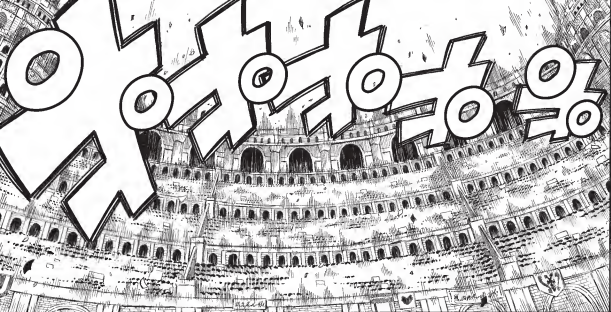
About the *Eclipse 2* Plan.

But I see that I should have told you.



And if
we should
fail in this
plan...

...this
entire
country...
will be
destroyed
tomorrow.



BEHIND THEM ARE
SABER TOOTH,
LAMIA SCALE, AND
MERMAID HEEL!!!

[1] Fairy Tail	[50P]	▼●●●●●
[2] Saber Tooth	[49P]	▼●●●●●
[2] Lamia Scale	[49P]	▼●●●●●
[4] Mermaid Heel	[43P]	▼●●●●

THE FINAL DAY
OF THE GRAND
MAGIC GAMES,
AND FAIRY TAIL IS
CURRENTLY IN
THE LEAD!!!





TENSHIN
NO*...



If every-
thing goes
to my plan...

*Sky God's...



... Sherria
and Juvia will
cross paths
next.

BOREAS
!!!!



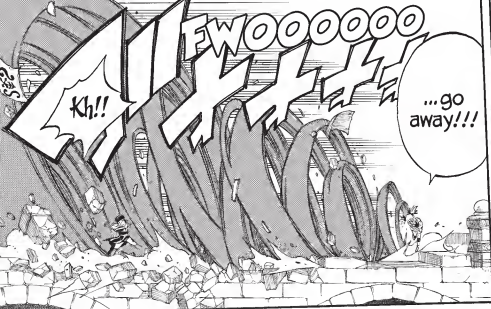
I didn't ask
for him to
love me!!



You're
the woman
that Lyon
loves!!!



It's just as
the First
Master
foresaw!



Minerva...?
You mean
that Saber
woman?!



You're
looking
just a little
pleased with
yourself!

And while
she's doing
that, Erza will
encounter
Minerva.

She
only has
to delay
her.

HEH
HEH
HEH

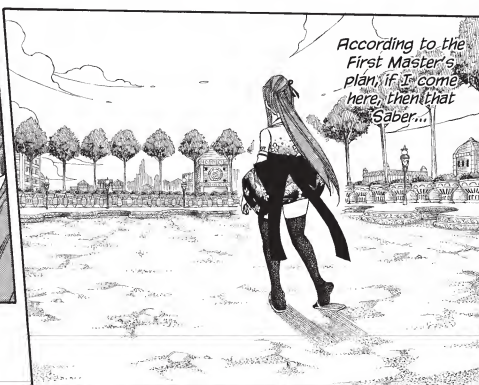


How's
Juvia
supposed
to take
her out?

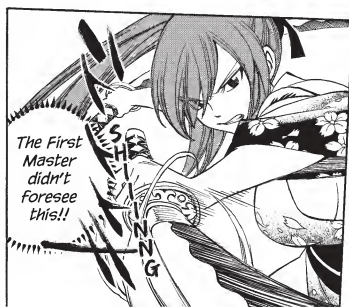
Isn't Sherria
that girl who
can cure her
own wounds?



!!



According to the
First Master's
plan, if I come
here, then that
Saber...







She's
good
...!!!



Show me
these sword
skills that
I've heard
so much
about,
Titania!!!



Somebody!!!
Go comfort the
First Master
now!!!

I am *not*
crying!! No,
I'm not crying
at all...



My
plan
...



Sniff...

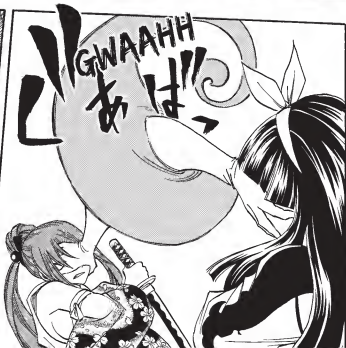
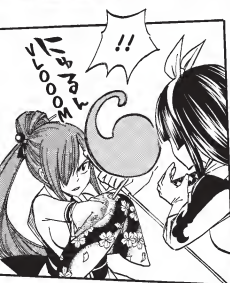
Where
did I...

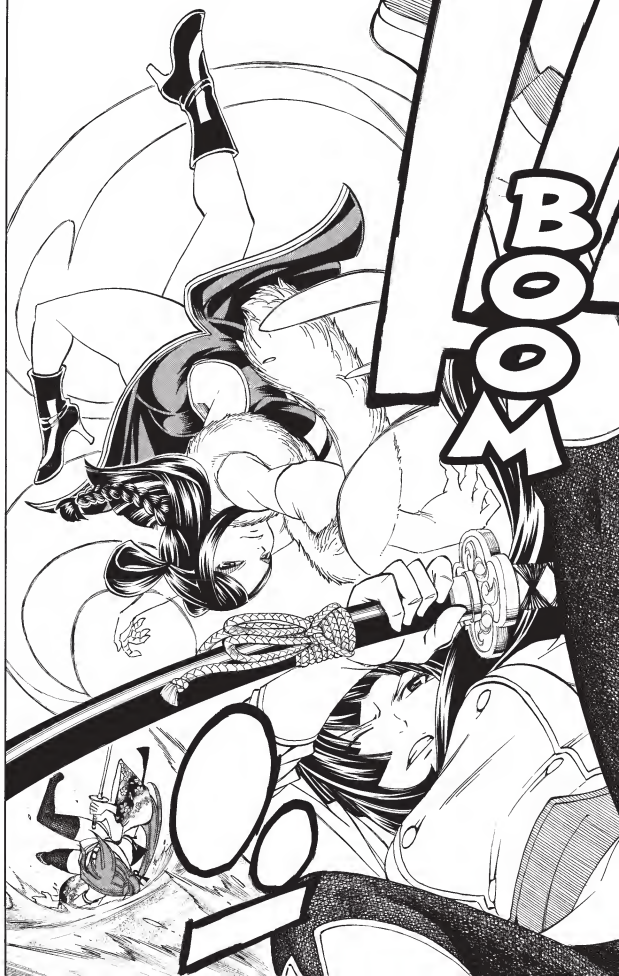
WAAH!

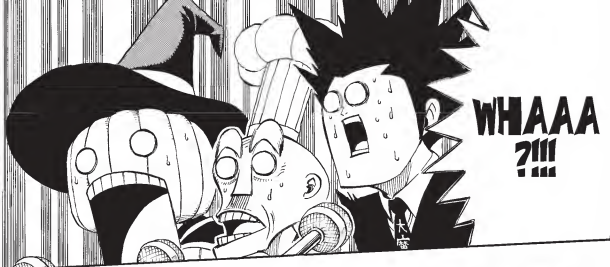


You're
kidding
...!

First
Master,
what is
this...?







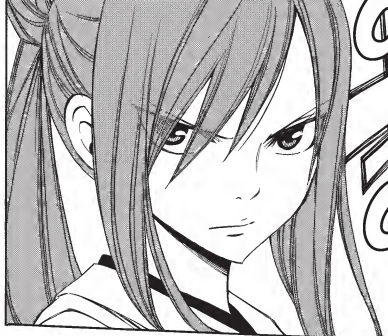
MINERVA
IS IN
THE MIX
TOO!!!!



I can't
see...
what will
happen.

I hope you
don't mind
if I join in
too.

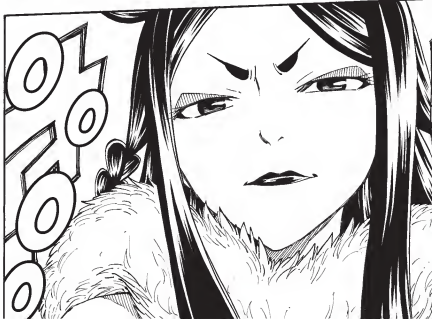




**IT'S
BECOME
A THREE-
WOMAN
FREE-FOR-
ALL!!!!**



**THE LEADING
WOMEN
WIZARDS OF
THE GAMES
ARE FACING
OFF!!!!**



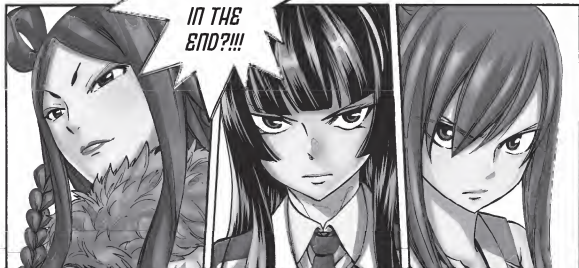
**WHO WILL
BE LEFT
STANDING IN
THE END?!!!**



A THREE-
WOMAN
FREE-FOR-
ALL!!!!



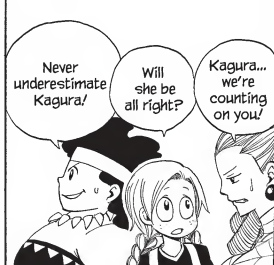
WHO
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IN THE
END?!!

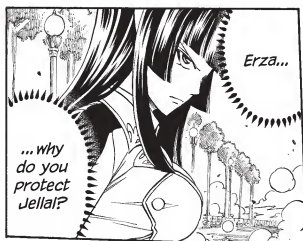
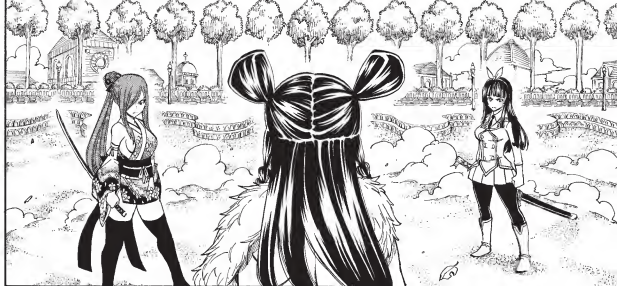


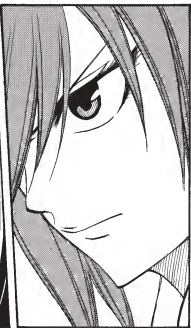
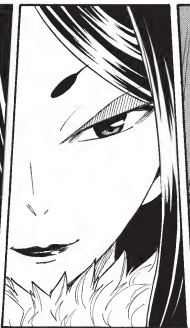
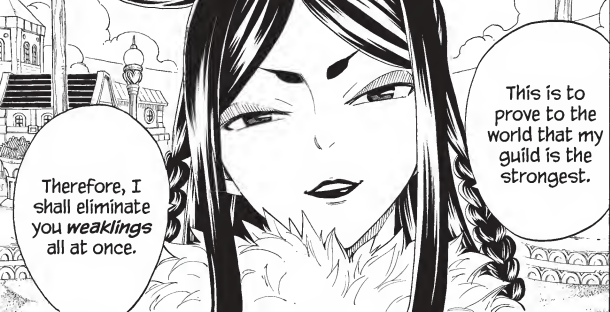


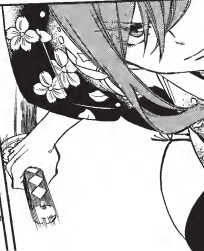
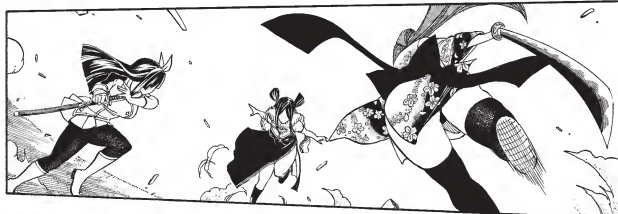


 FAIRYTAIL



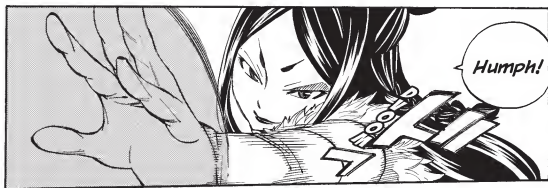


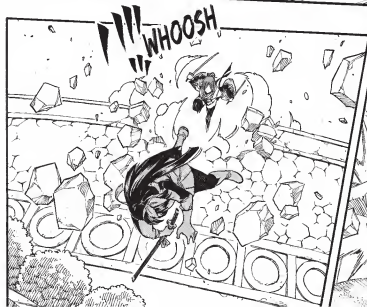
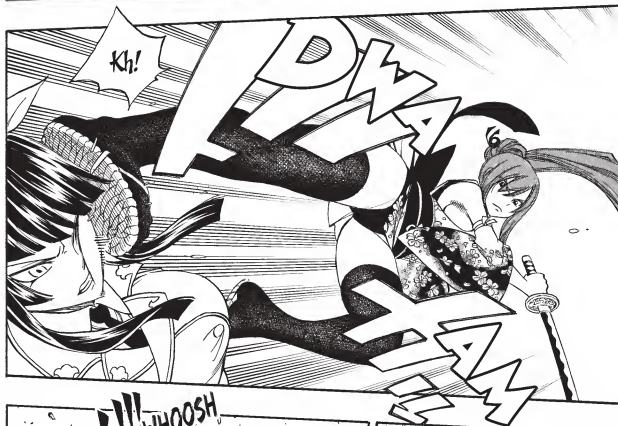


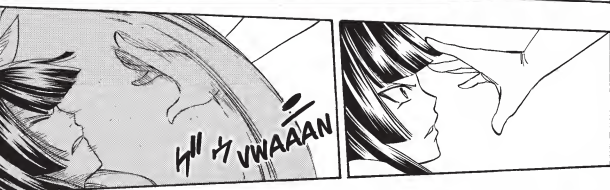












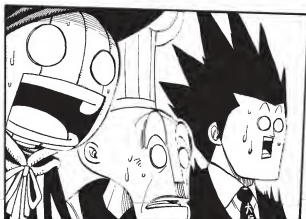


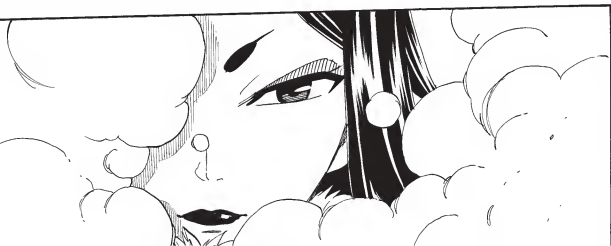
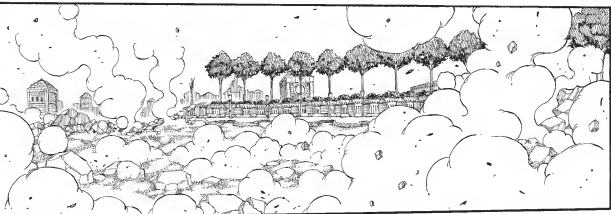
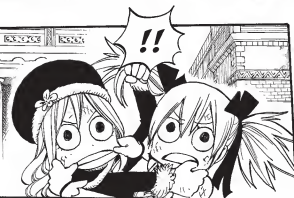
WHAK OOOO

Yagd
ZSCM ?

Rigola!!!









That was close!!

Amazing that they can get through something like that!!

What just went on with those three?!

THEY'RE ALL RIGHT!!!!

WHAA ?!!

You've come this far against me. I miscalculated.

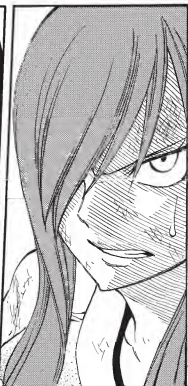
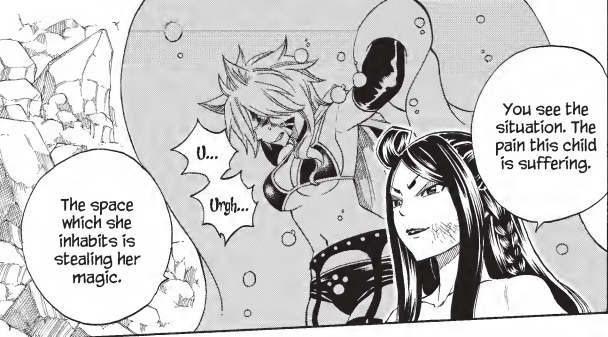
I see.

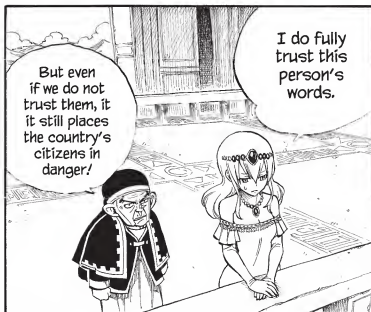
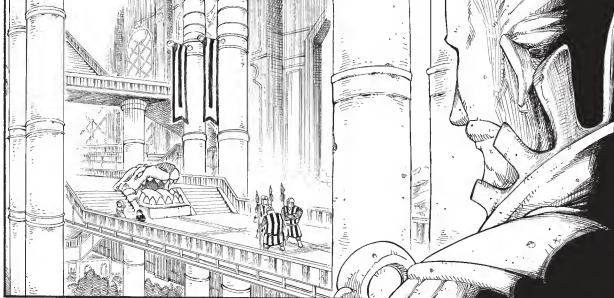
For the moment, anyway.

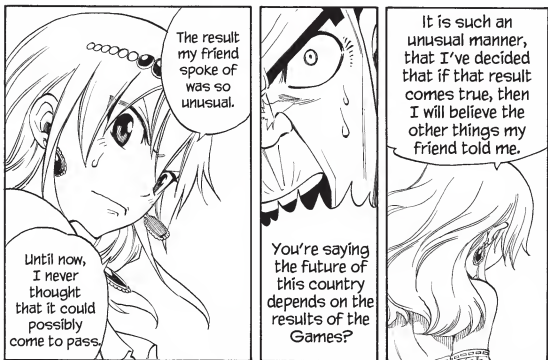
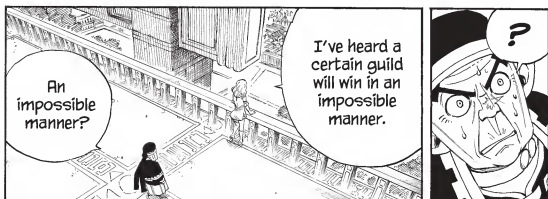
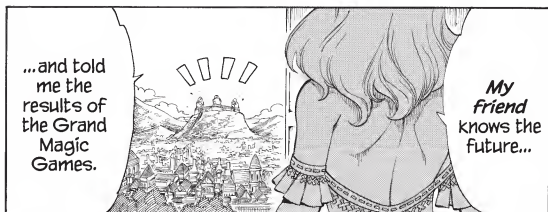
Their magics are all in balance...

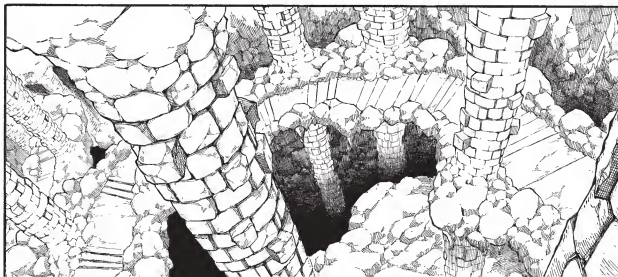
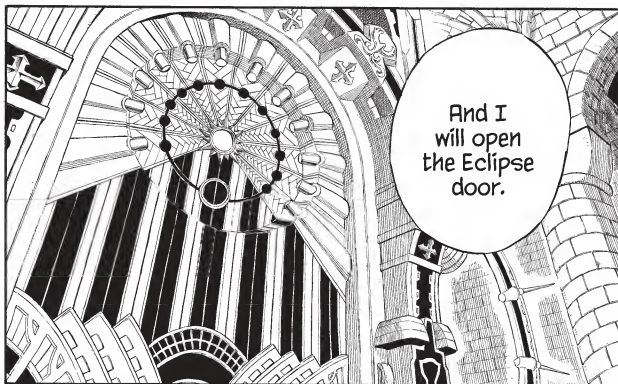
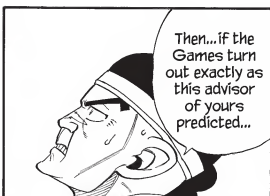
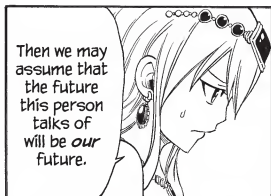
As things stand, we will not see a quick resolution.

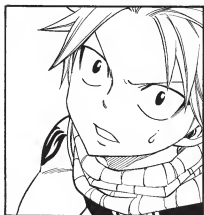
So a slight change in plans is in order.













...came
from the
future.



WHAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
?!!!

Lucy
!!!!

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Grand Magic Games Final Day Interim Results

Members Left

Leader Members left

1. Fairy Tail

50P



x1



x4



2. Saber Tooth

49P



x1



x3



2. Lamia Scale

49P



x1



x2



4. Mermaid Heel

43P



x1



x1

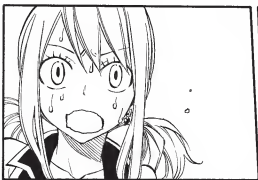
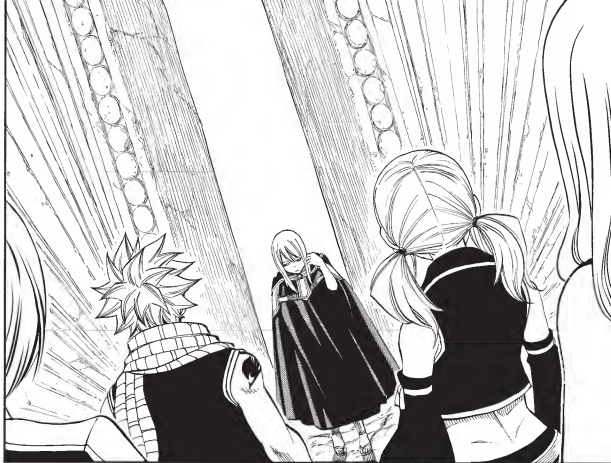


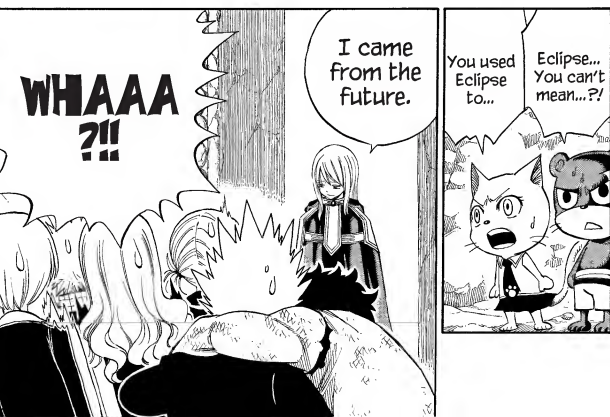
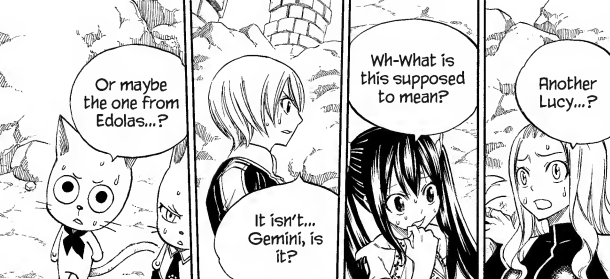
Through magic,
everything will be
back to normal
tomorrow!

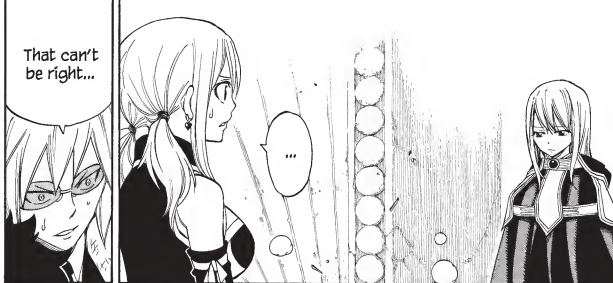
Never
fear!
Punkin!

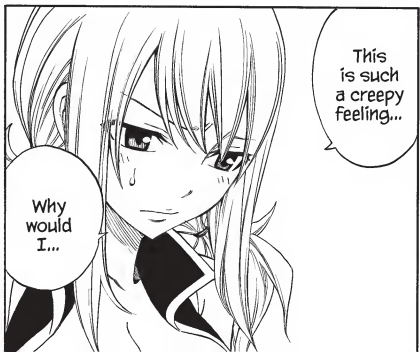
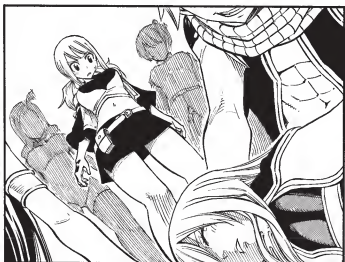
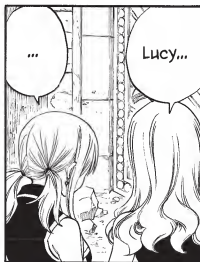
BY THE WAY, THE
TOWN IS SEEING A
LOT OF DAMAGE IN
THE FIGHTS! WILL
EVERYTHING BE
OKAY?

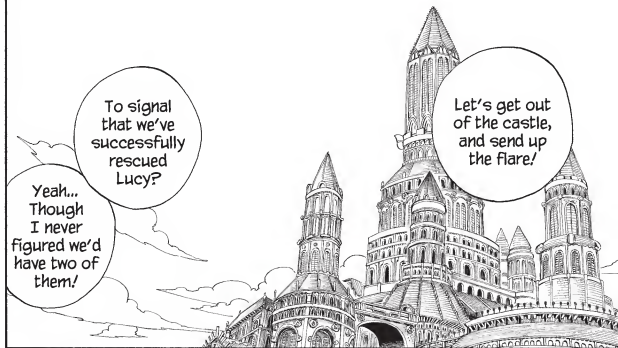
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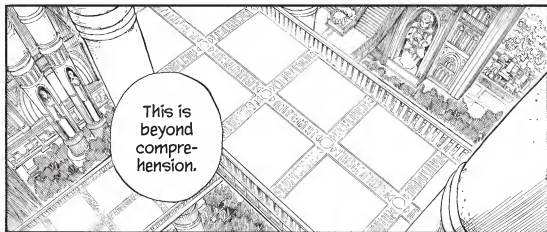




To signal
that we've
successfully
rescued
Lucy?

Yeah...
Though
I never
figured we'd
have two of
them!

Let's get out
of the castle,
and send up
the flare!

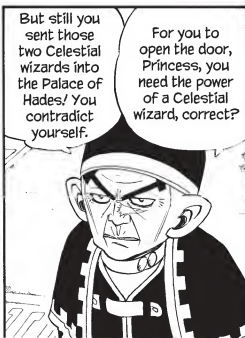


This is
beyond
compre-
hension.



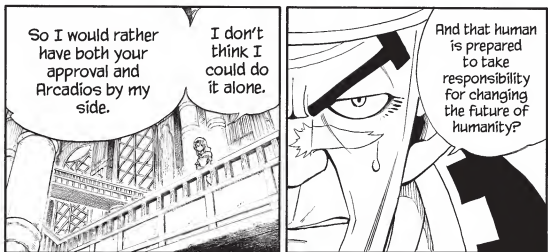
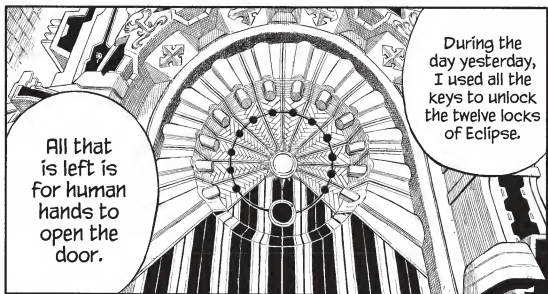
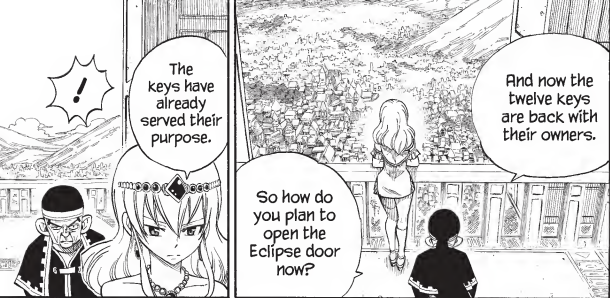
That's true...
At the time, I
had all twelve
keys on hand,
but...

...I
acted
rashly...



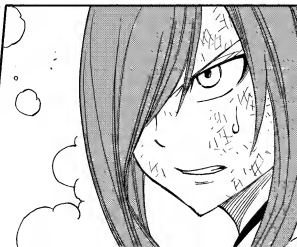
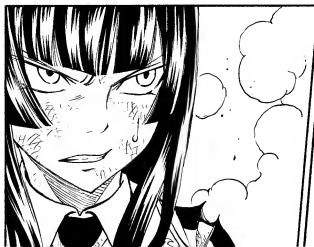
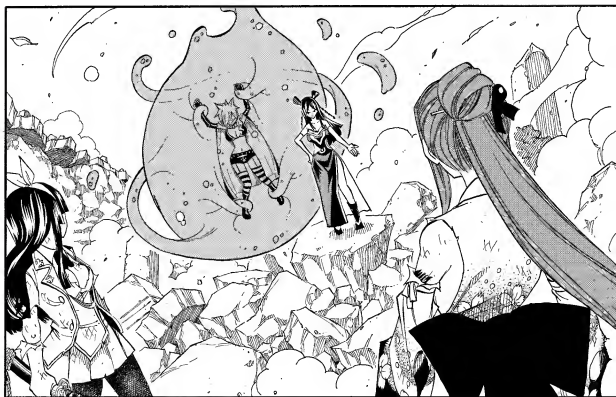
But still you
sent those
two Celestial
wizards into
the Palace of
Hades! You
contradict
yourself.

For you to
open the door,
Princess, you
need the power
of a Celestial
wizard, correct?

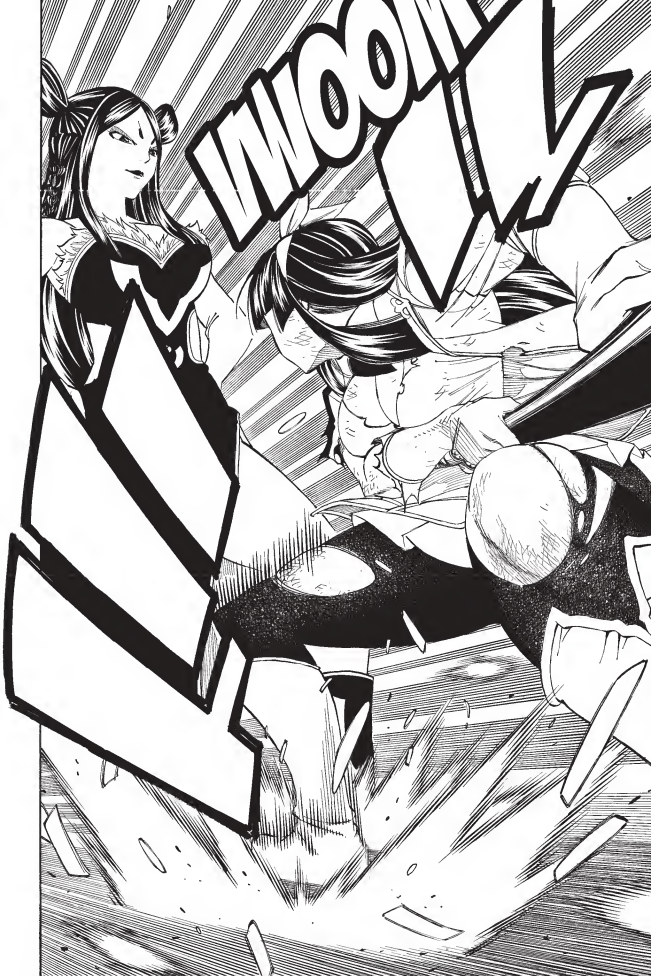




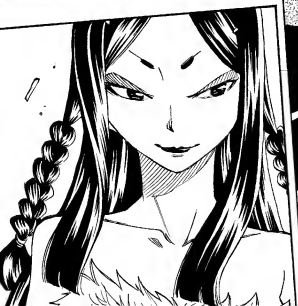
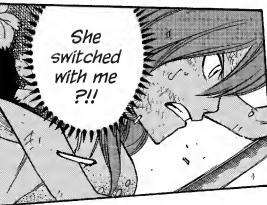
But whether we open it or not depends on the outcome of the Grand Magic Games.

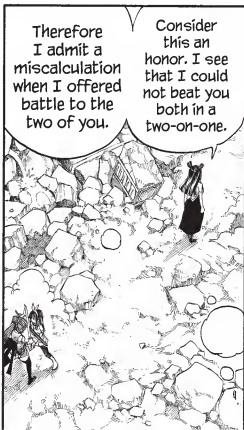
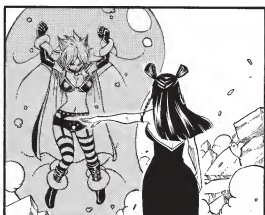
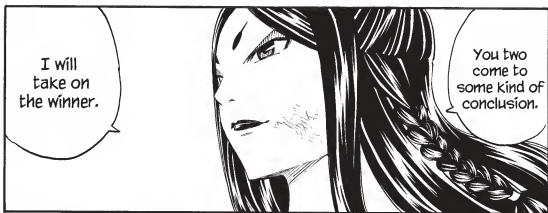














Let
Millianna
go!!

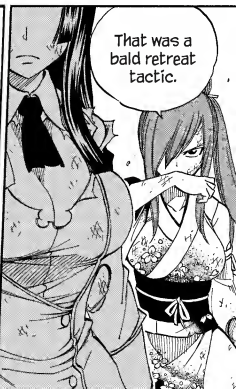
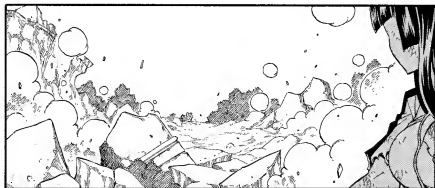
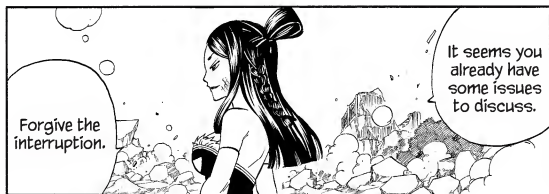
And *the royal*
must win, no
matter what
tactics are
used.



How
dare
you...



... speak
of her as if
she were a
comrade
!!!!

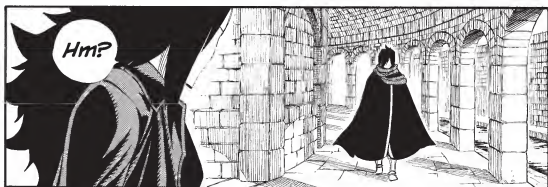


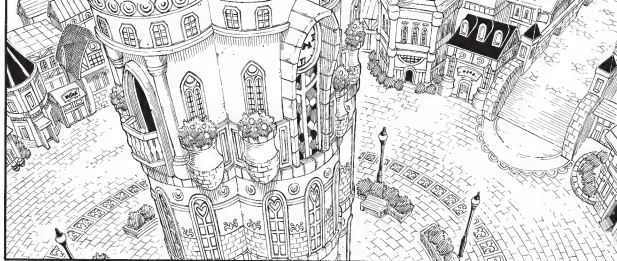


Where
did those
predictions
of hers go
wrong?.



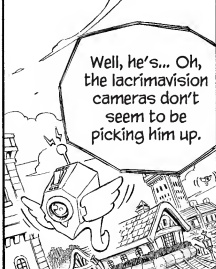
Dammit!!
The First
Master's plans
are all falling
to pieces!







Everybody,
please do your
best...to get
Lector back!

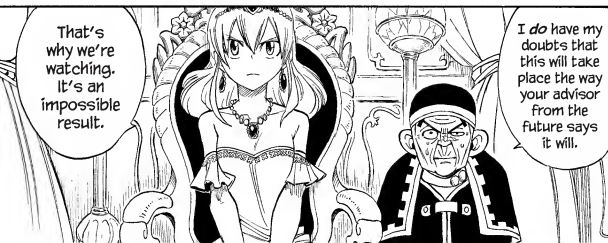


Well, he's... Oh,
the lacrimavision
cameras don't
seem to be
picking him up.



Come to
think of it,
where could
Sting-kun
be?

WE'RE GETTING
MATCH-UPS
ONE ON TOP OF
THE NEXT!

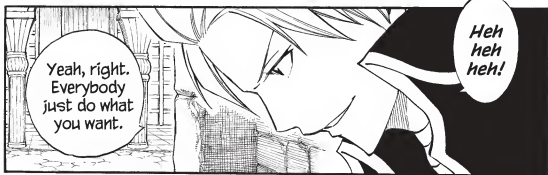


That's
why we're
watching.
It's an
impossible
result.

I *do* have my
doubts that
this will take
place the way
your advisor
from the
future says
it will.



You play
dirty,
Princess.



Yeah, right.
Everybody
just do what
you want.

Heh
heh
heh!



The scenario
I'm planning
is to come up
with the best
kind of win
possible.

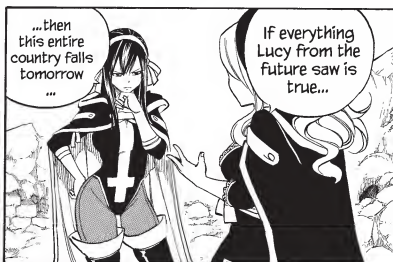
Just you
watch me,
Lector!

FAIRY TAIL

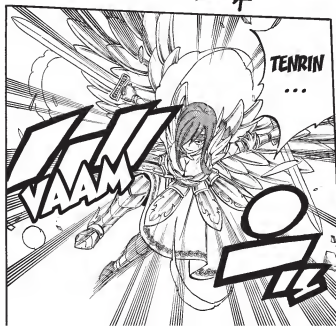
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 314: Erza vs. Kagura









**PENTAGRAM
SWORD
!!!!**

***Vengeance Sword: Arch-enemy**

"STRENGTH" KATA!!!!

ONTÔ!

**FUGU-
TATEN***
!!!



ZLASH ZLASH ZLASH ZLASH

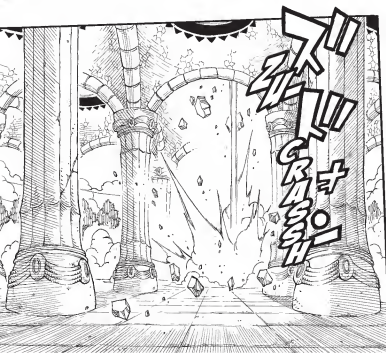
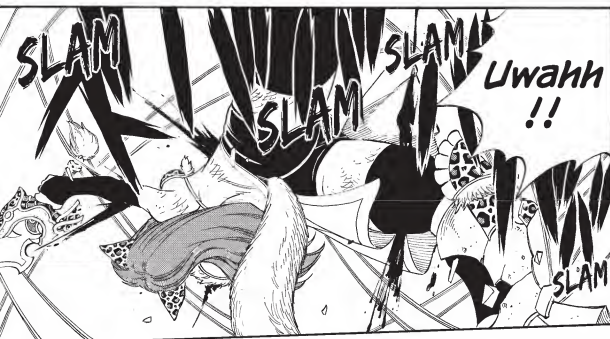
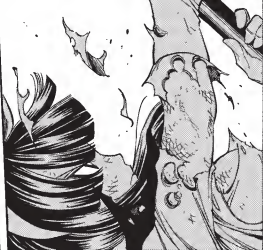
HISHÔ*,
SONIC
CLAW
!!!!

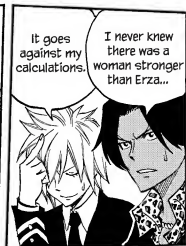
#G
YA
TA

A
A

A
A

NT
NT





It goes
against my
calculations.

I never knew
there was a
woman stronger
than Erza...



MERMAID HEEL'S
KAGURA!! SHE'S
REALLY TAKEN THE
ATTACK TO ERZA,
WHO DEFEATED 100
MONSTERS!!!!

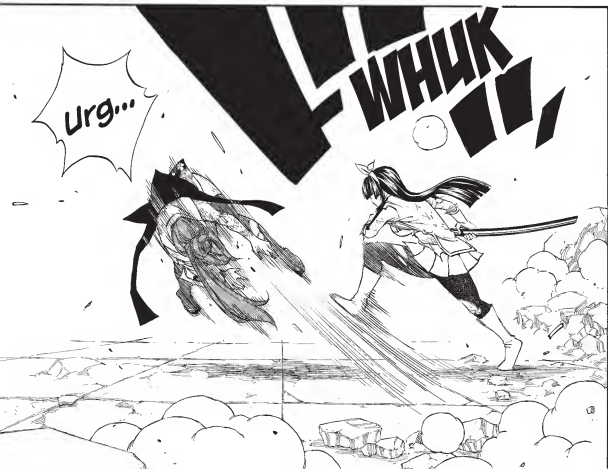
SHE'S
AMAZINGLY
STRONG!!!!

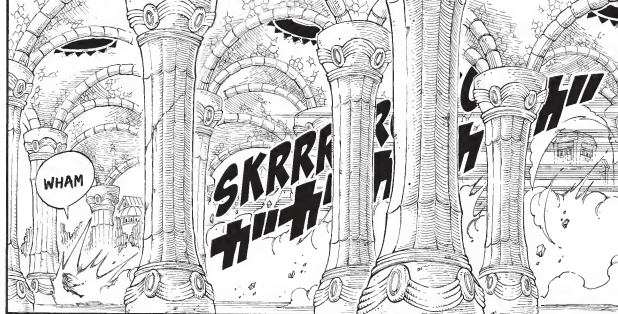
So that
strength
of yours
stems...from
your grudge
against...?

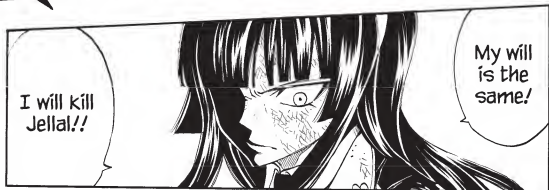


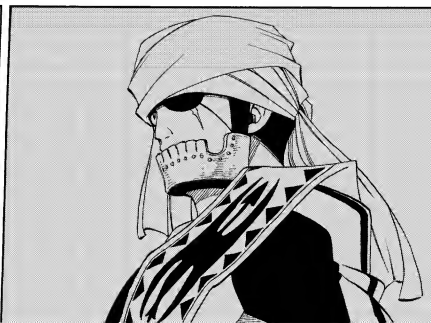
That was
surprising
...

I never
suspected
there would be
someone like
that...





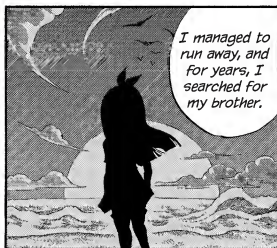




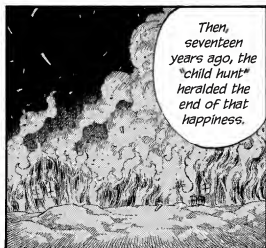


...but
very
happy.

We were
poor...



I managed to
run away, and
for years, I
searched for
my brother.



Then,
seventeen
years ago, the
"child hunt"
heralded the
end of that
happiness.



The fact that he
was murdered by
the man who held
him in slavery
for all those
years!

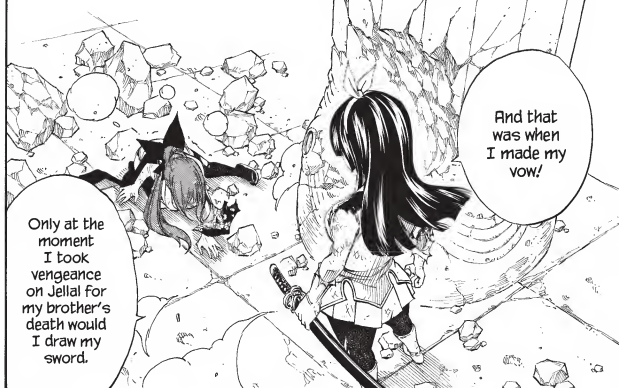
The world
before my
eyes went
black.



She told
me of his
heroism, his
suffering,
and his
death.

Then I met
Millianna.





Only at the moment
I took
vengeance
on Jellal for
my brother's
death would
I draw my
sword.

And that
was when
I made my
vow!



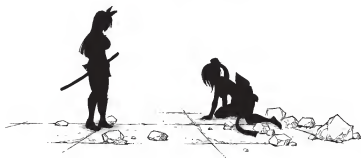
Millianna
wasn't there
when it
happened...

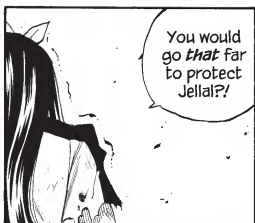
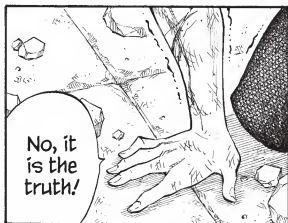


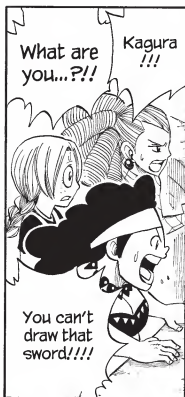
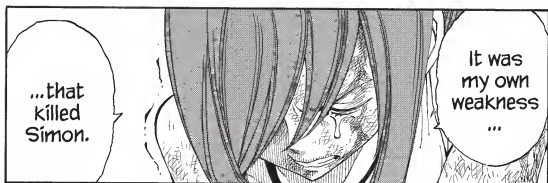
Yes, perhaps it's
true that the hand
that killed Simon
was Jellal's...but...
the one responsible
for his death was
not Jellal, but...



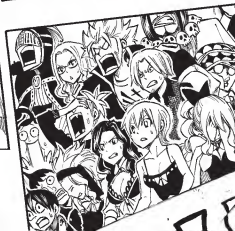
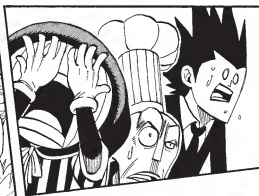
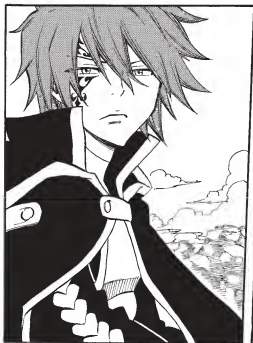
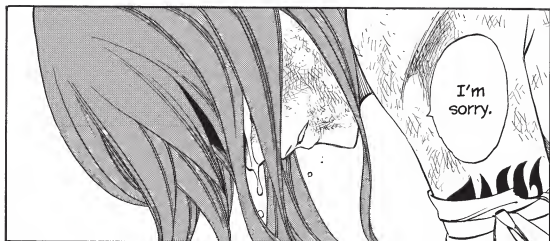
The only ones
in that place...
were myself,
Jellal, Natsu and
Simon...







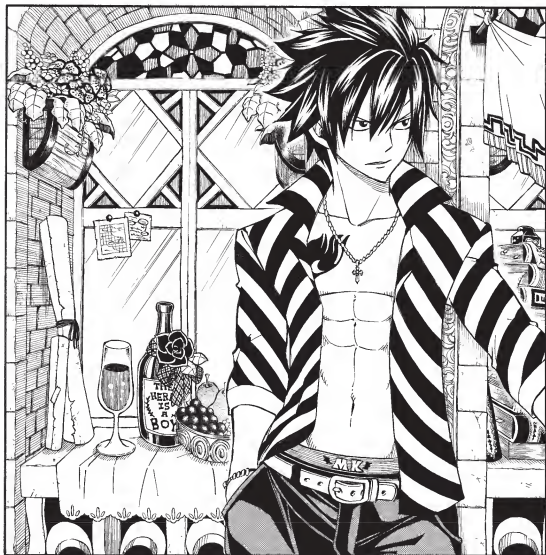


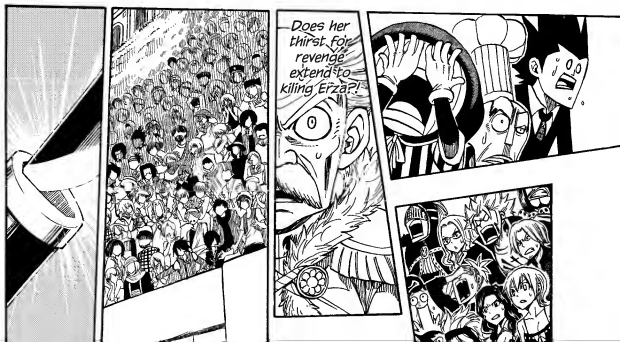
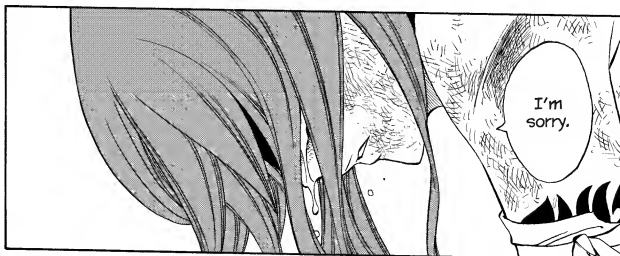


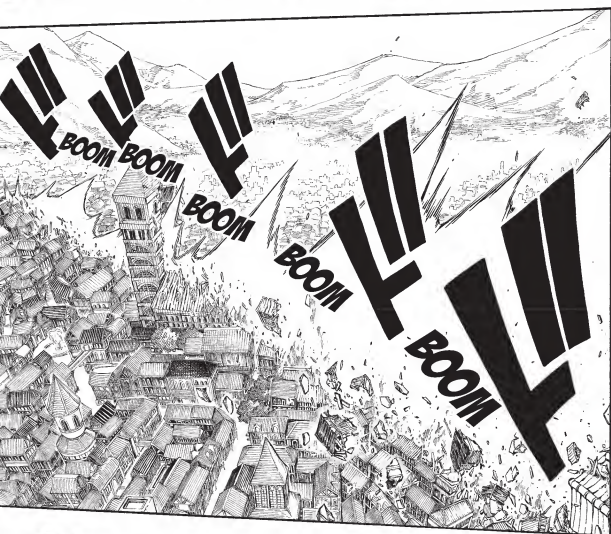
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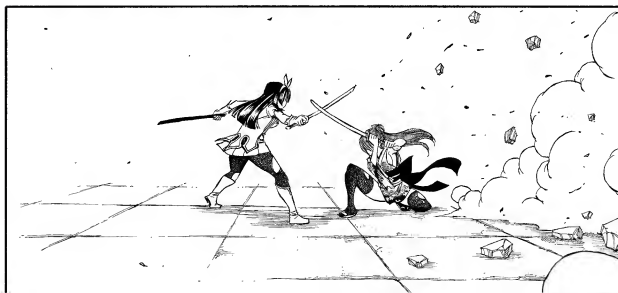
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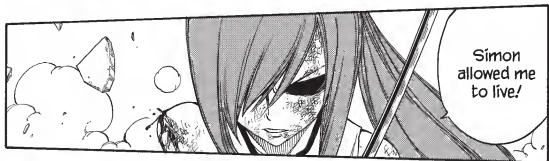
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BOOM



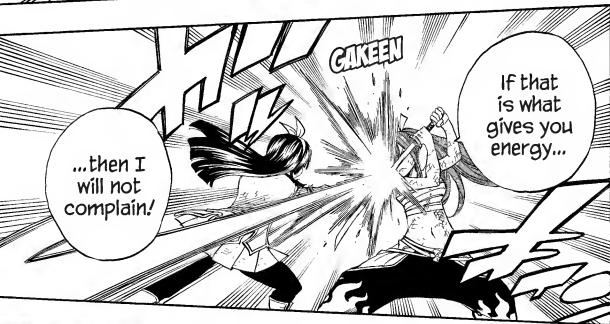
To give
up my
life...

...would
dishonor
those who
have
departed!



*I will
kill you
both
!!!!*

*I'll kill
both
you *and*
Jellal!!!!*



*...then I
will not
complain!*

*If that
is what
gives you
energy...*



*...I also
do not
intend to
lose!!!!*

*And I do not
intend to try
to crush those
feelings, but...*





IT'S
ERZA
!!!!



Excellent!
Not even my eye
could follow the
flash of that
attack!



Lost
...?

You mean,
even after
drawing
Fugutaiten,
Kagura...



A-
Amazing...
Punkin...

It'sh
Erza,
after all.

WHAT STRENGTH OF
SPIRIT SHE HAS!!!!
SHE'S COVERED WITH
BRUISES, BUT STILL
SHE PULLS OUT A
VICTORY!!!!



IT LOOKS
LIKE KAGURA
IS GOING TO
STAND AGAIN!!

MAYBE
THIS ISN'T
QUITE
OVER YET!!!

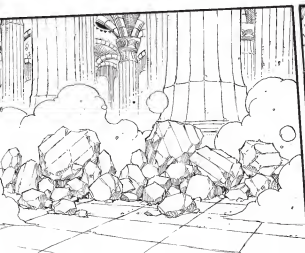
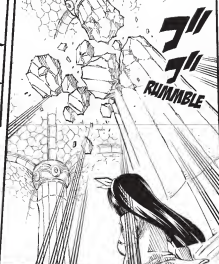


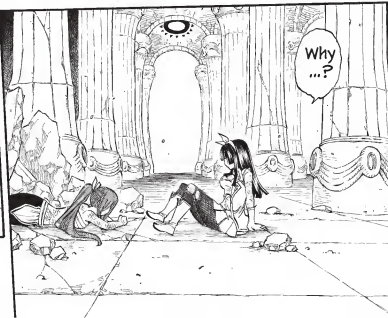
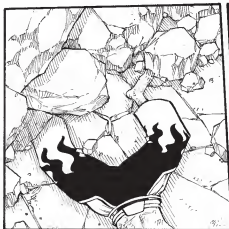
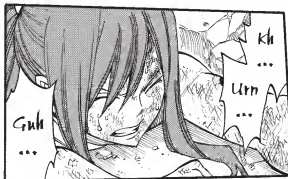
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HAHH

HAHH
HAHH

Urg
...

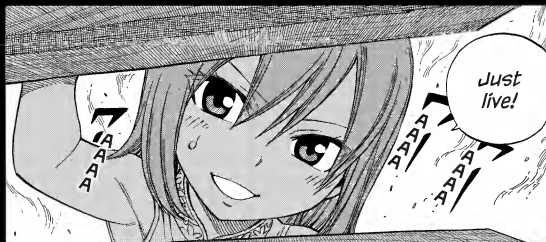
Urn
...











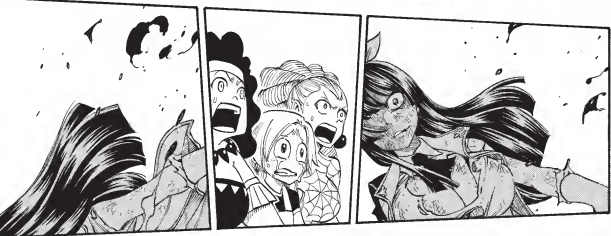
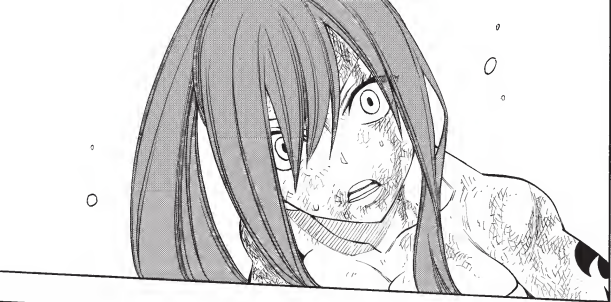




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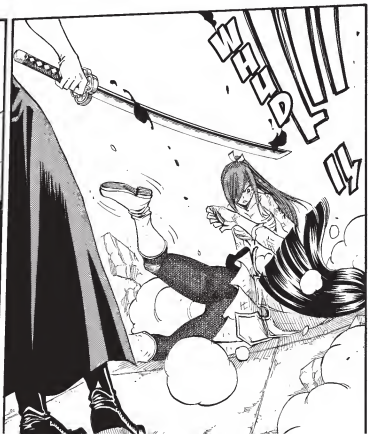
...
loss
...





...but the one
who takes
the points
is me.

The
winner
may be
Erza...



The
Mermaid's
head, for
example...

PING

1] Saber Tooth

2] Fairy Tail

3] Lamia Scale

4] Mermaid Heel

[54P]

[50P]

[49P]

[43P]

And a fairy
that's had
its wings
plucked.

Well, it is
only royalty
who eat
the tastiest
portions!

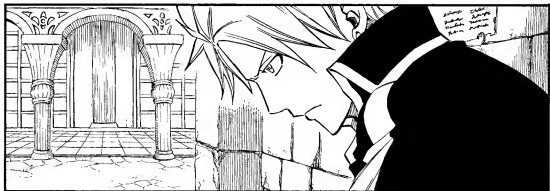
Did I not tell
you to show
me a battle
royale?

You...

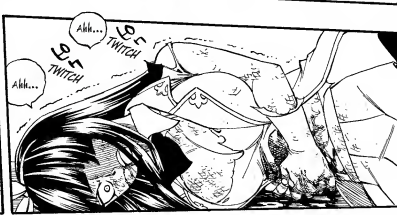
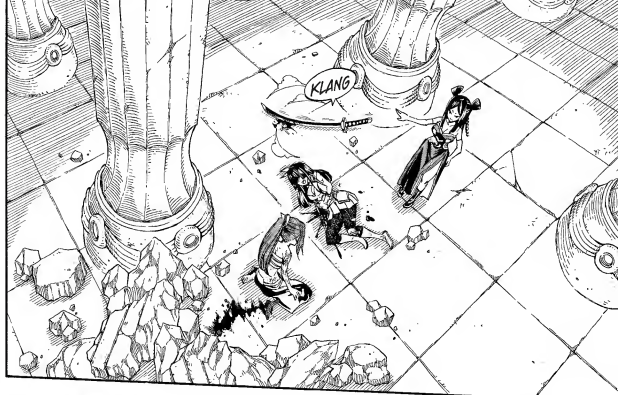
Ah
ha ha
ha ha
ha ha
ha!!

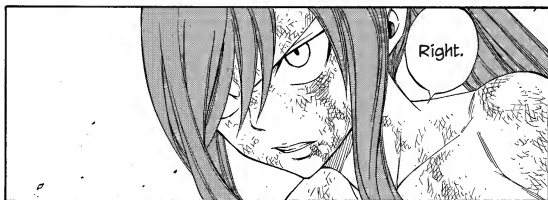
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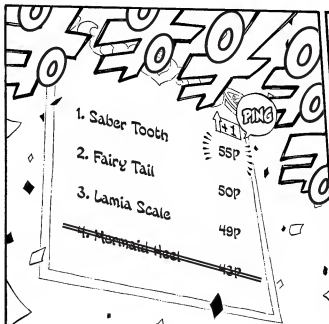
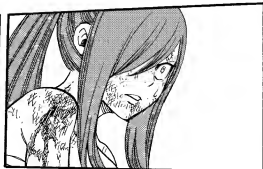
Members left		
1. Saber Tooth	54P	Leader Normal x1 x3
2. Fairy Tail	50P	Leader Normal x1 x4
3. Lamia Scale	49P	Leader Normal x1 x2
4. Mermaid Heel	43P	Leader Normal x0 x1



Chapter 316: A Future Hurrying Toward Despair









Millianna!

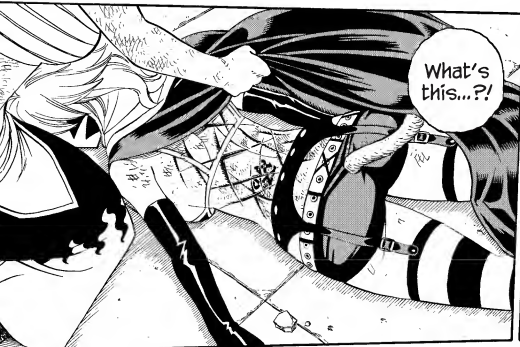
Hang in there!!



Huh...? Er...
chan...?



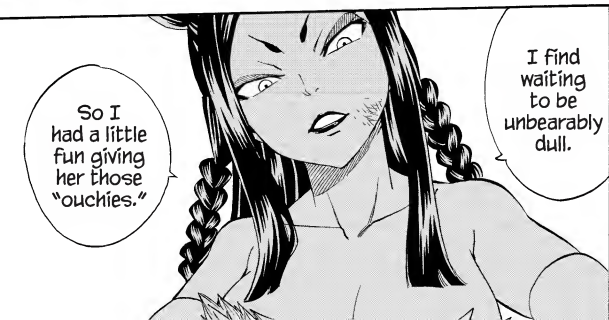
Milli-
anna?



What's
this...?!

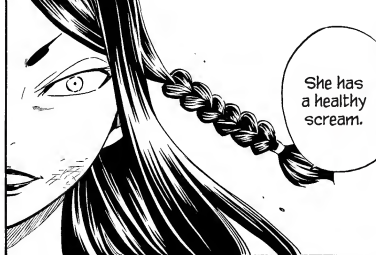


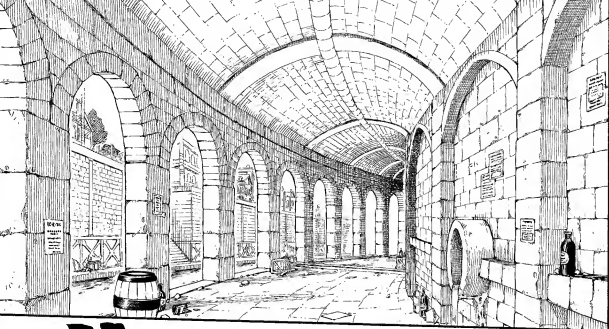
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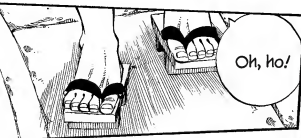
So I
had a little
fun giving
her those
"ouchies."

I find
waiting
to be
unbearably
dull.











Perhaps I'll
ask you to
spare some
for me.

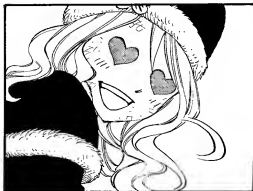
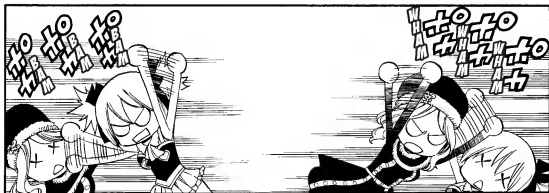
I haven't
been so
excited in a
long time.



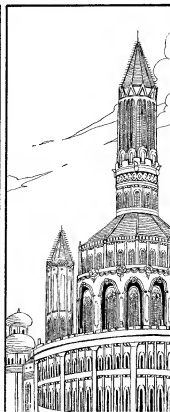
So *there*
you are,
monster.



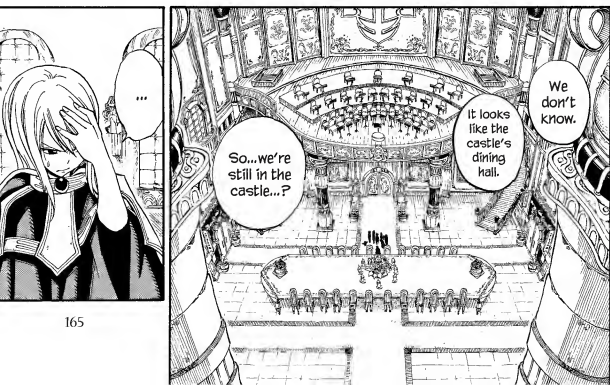
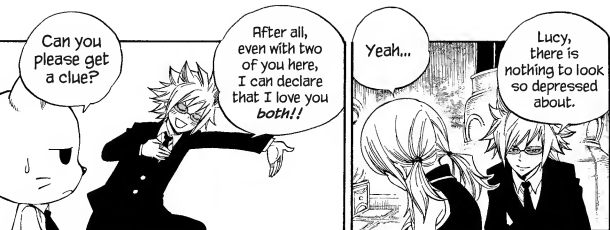
The
Wizard
Saint,
Jura!!!

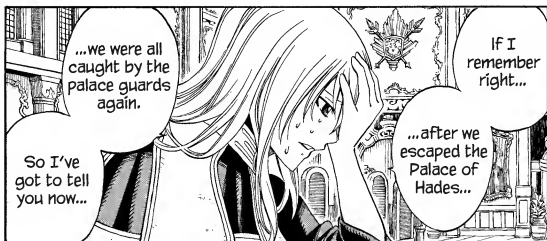


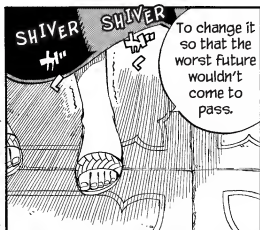
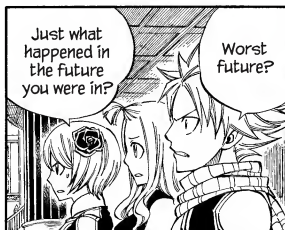














A stampede
of more than
ten thousand
dragons
will come to
attack this
country.

...that
what waits
ahead is
despair.



The town will
burn, the
palace will
crumble...

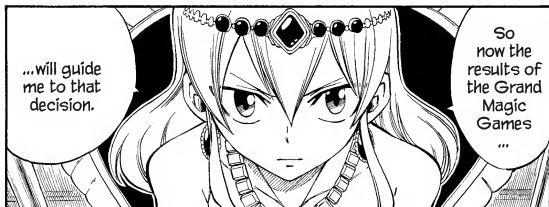
...and
countless lives
will be lost.



My friend
left the
answer to
that up to
me.



Are those
words
true or a
lie?



...will guide
me to that
decision.

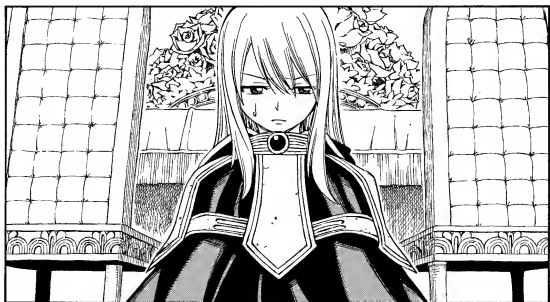
So
now the
results of
the Grand
Magic
Games
...

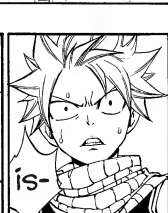
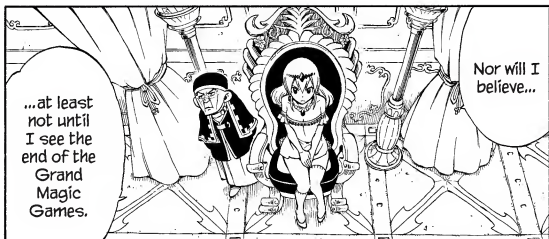




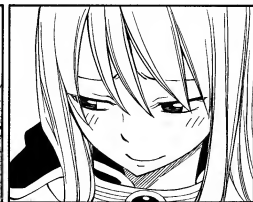
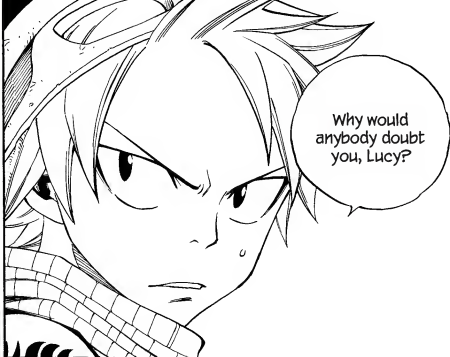


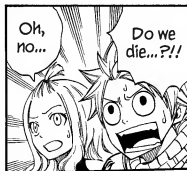
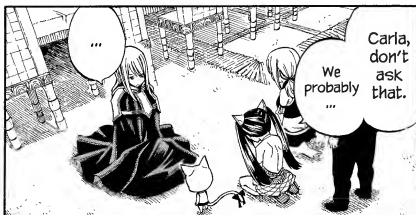
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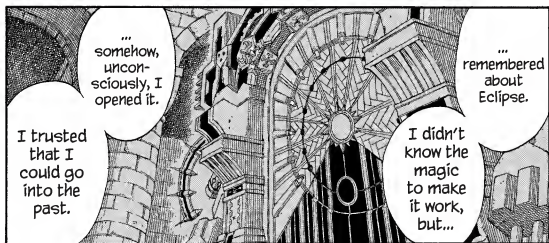










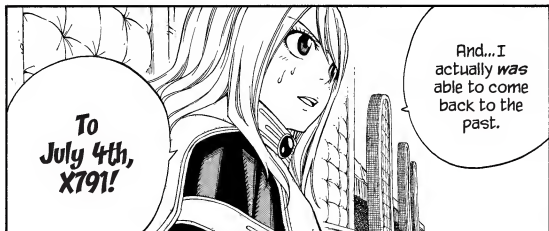


... somehow, unconsciously, I opened it.

... remembered about Eclipse.

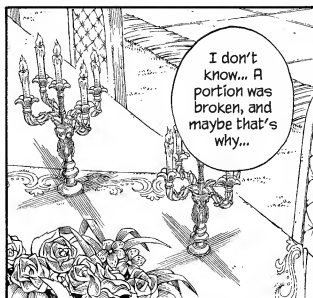
I trusted that I could go into the past.

I didn't know the magic to make it work, but...

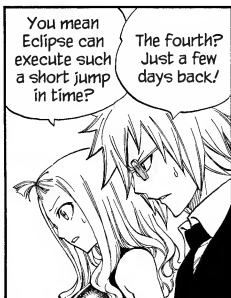


To
July 4th,
X791!

And... I actually *was* able to come back to the past.



I don't know... A portion was broken, and maybe that's why...



You mean Eclipse can execute such a short jump in time?

The fourth? Just a few days back!



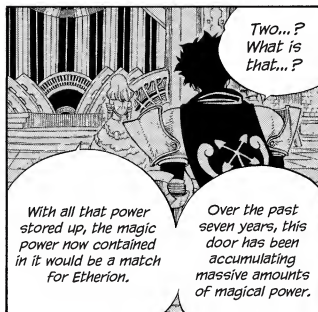


Actually,
I have no idea
how we can
avoid it.

It isn't like
I came from
the future
with a plan to
prevent it.



I
knew
it!



Two...?
What is
that...?

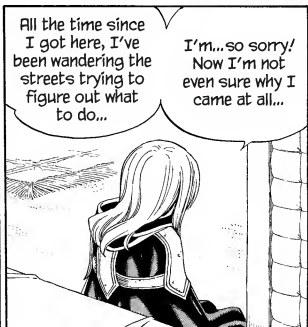
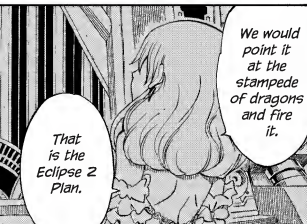
With all that power
stored up, the magic
power now contained
in it would be a match
for Etherion.

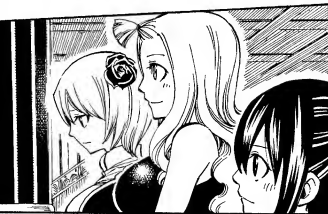
Over the past
seven years, this
door has been
accumulating
massive amounts
of magical power.



...that
Eclipse has
another use.
Eclipse 2.

That
person
told
me...





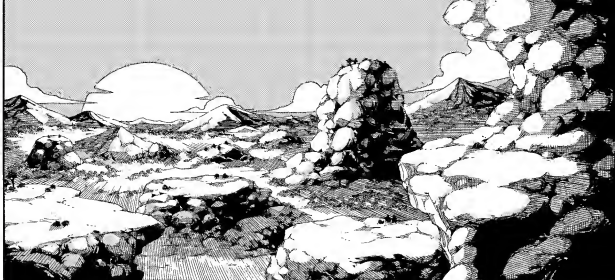
I know we'll
be able to
change
things!

**For
giving
us a
future**

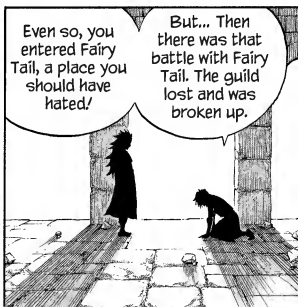
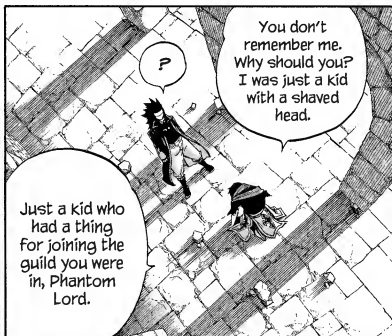
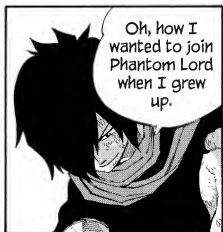
...

**Thank
you.**











A reason
you joined
up with Fairy
Tail.

But...
I guess
there was a
reason for
that.



And now
I think I
know it...



Saber
Tooth has
nothing
like that.



It's
"comradery"
...

Right?





Stand up.



The princess really is on a level of her own...

But Sting's different. Lector awakened that feeling in him.



And now I think I see why you guys are so strong.

So strong we can't hope to win.



Gee hee!

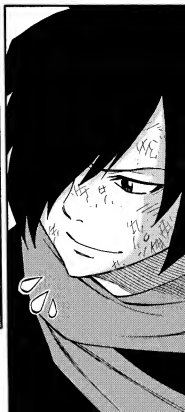


You don't understand anything!

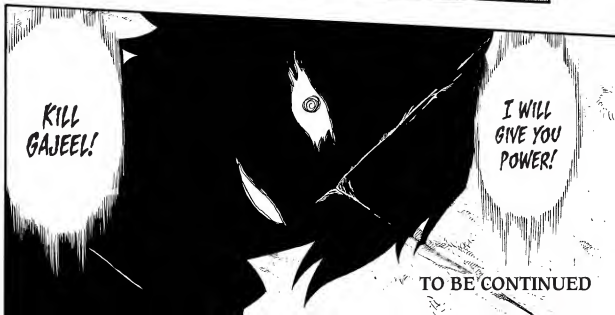


...is your comrade, right?

That frog ...







TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

I moved! I see the world a whole new way! And the brand-new feeling is giving me the will to work harder! For a very long time, I've been the type who can never throw anything away. So I took this opportunity and made the decision to toss out everything I don't need.

First, I have always felt it was necessary to keep the individual issues of Magazine, so from my debut until now, I have **fifteen years** worth of Weekly Shonen Magazines, and it filled up an entire room. When I opened up an old Magazine, I'd be flooded with the same feelings I felt at the time. All sorts of feelings are tied up in those...but if I get hooked on that, I'll never see the end of it, so I got rid of them all. We split up the problem over a number of days and sent them all to recycling. There was really a huge load of them.

There were toys that I don't need and old clothes, and unused beds and broken refrigerators, leaving just one thing left to work on. My CDs. A long time ago, I was hooked on collecting CDs. I must have had several thousand CDs, and for most of them, I went ahead and re-bought data versions of them. And if I get the urge, I can convert my present collection to data too, but I still like having the jacket covers and liner notes, so I wasn't able to throw them out.

And manga... Actually, I wasn't able to throw a single book of those away. I brought with me on the move all the books I have, even the ones I thought were boring. You know, I'm still the type who can't throw anything away.

EMERGENCY
REQUEST!

Explain
the...

...
MYSTERIES
OF F.T.

At a park in Crocus...



: One, two, right, left...
Three, four, five, turn!



What are you doing? What's
with the dancing all of a
sudden?

Mira: Don't you feel like it too?
Come on, Lucy! Dance!
Dance!

Lucy: Huhh? Did something good
happen to you?

Mira: Heh heh heh... Actually...

Lucy: Actually?

Mira: It's a secret!♥



: Wnaaaa?!!

Mira: Now for the first question.

Lucy: Huh? You're really *not* going to
tell me?!

Why was
Loke on the
cover of
Volume 36?
(He wasn't
anywhere in
the story.)



Lucy: Aw, man! So they *did* ask
about that.

Mira: I think it was nothing more
than a mistake.

Lucy: Loke finally made his entrance in
the first chapter of this volume.
(Chapter 309).

Mira: And the artist probably just
didn't realize, and thought he
appeared in the last chapter
of Vol. 36.



: But in a way, it was a really
big spoiler.



: Next question.

There are so many characters,
I can't
remember
all their
names.



Lucy: It's certainly true... There are a
lot of people in this story arc...

Mira: I don't see a reason to
memorize them all.

Lucy: There are a lot of them who
don't stick around very long.

Mira: I've been doing the best to
remember them by nicknames.

Continued on the
right-hand page.

Continued from the
left-hand page.

Lucy: Nicknames?



: Right! For example, Mermaid
Heel...



Kagura → White Ribbon.



Millianra → Cat Girl.



Liselle → Pudgy.



Beth → Freckles.



Alaia → Curlyhair

Like that.



: Wow. Not very creative, huh?

Mira: Speaking of names, what
about the "Hungry Wolf
Knights"?!

Lucy: For the guy who seemed like the
leader, I never even heard a
name for him...

Mira: There's actually a story behind
the members of that group.
They were submitted as part
of a contest in a book called
"Chocto Moorimashita" where
readers submitted designs for
wizards, and those got used.

Lucy: That's pretty amazing!

Mira: By the way, the winner of that
contest was Princess Hisui.

Lucy: And *she's* pretty much a main
character!

Mira: I'll bet the designers who won
are pretty surprised!

Lucy: What about the name of the
Knights' leader?

Mira: He wasn't one of the characters
submitted by readers, so he
doesn't need a name!



: That's awful!



: Okay, I'll give him a name.

SCYTHE.



: Zero subtlety!



Mira: It looks like we've made
it through another set of
questions.

Lucy: Hold it! This time I want the
final question to be from me!



: ?

What is the reason that
you were dancing?



Mira: Heh heh heh. You really want
to know?

Lucy: I want to know. What happened
with you?



: Ah, well... I thought that I'd
surprise you with it later,
Lucy.



: What? You mean it was about
me?

Mira: Yep! ♥ Actually, Lucy, Carla
had a dream about you
suddenly becoming nude in
front of a huge number of
people.

Lucy: A-And what about that would
make you want to dance?

Mira: Well, if Carla says she saw it,
then it means it will come true!
I'm so looking forward to it!♥

Lucy: Nooooo waaaaay!!!!

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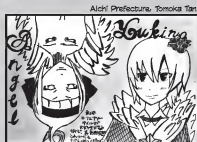
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Yukino and Angel... Do you think these two might be...?!



Aichi Prefecture, Tomoka Tani

Hokkaido, Haruka Murakami



▲ Drawn like this, and Minerva actually looks cute!



▲ A rare sight of Natsu in a suit. Looking sharp, huh?



▲ I'm being cheered on by the first master! I'll do my best!



▲ Heading somewhere on some kind of vehicle. Natsu looks to be in bad shape.



▲ This is so cute! She looks good in this kind of outfit even after seven years!



▲ The Twin Dragons of Saber and the two cats! Nice!



Guma Prefecture, Wew-cha

Edolas Wendy after such a long time! I hope she's doing great!

Yamaguchi Prefecture, Gaki Mizui



▲ Gray is really an expert at Ice Make for the guild mark.



▲ I think that Scing will still have a part to play in this.



▲ Erza gazing. I wonder what she's looking at.



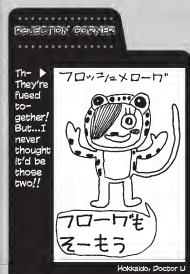
▲ Natsu who has gained quite a bit of popularity. It's been a while since we featured a new young woman.



▲ Crime Sorcière may still have some work to do yet.



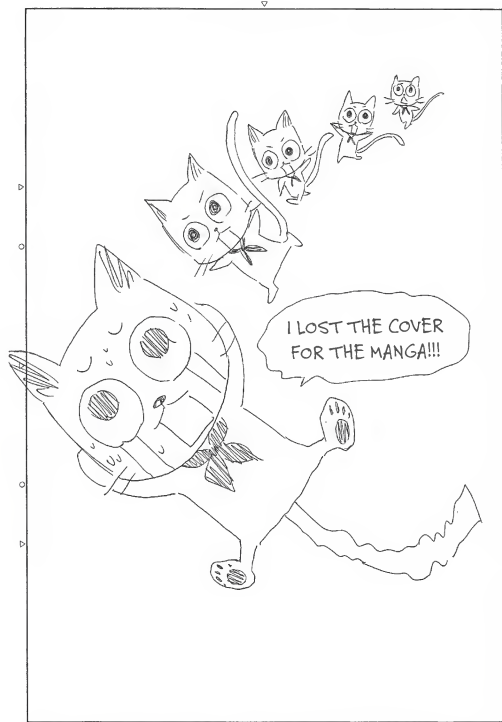
▲ Ah! Very nice line work! Clean and easy on the eyes!



Hokkaido, Doctor U



真島ヒロ HIROSHIMA



FROM HIRO MASHIMA



This is a sketch that I put up on Twitter. You may be thinking, "Why are you putting a sketch you did for Twitter in the book?" To me, the borderline between sketches and full-out drawings is very vague. There are sketches that I worked very hard on, and maybe a few dashed-off work illustrations.

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 9, Rinka Renka

This attack name may simply be a meaningless play on sounds on the part of Mashima-sensei. But since Mashima-sensei is also an avid gamer, it may have something to do with the game "Vocaloid." The game "Vocaloid 2" features a female voice, "Rin," and a male voice, "Len." These were described by a game producer as two people who share the same soul. One of their songs was named "Rinka." A later version of Len also had a female version called "Lenka." Since the Japanese language does not discriminate between the "r" and "l" sounds, "renka" and "lenka" sound the same to most Japanese speakers. Vocaloid may be the origin of the magic's name, but it may also just be a coincidence.



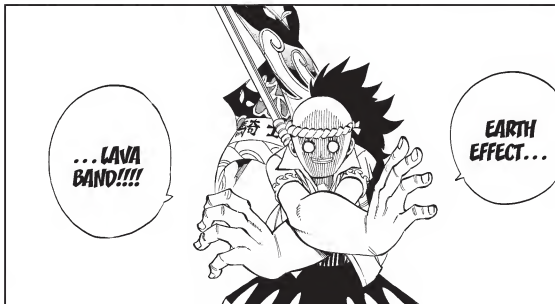
Page 10, Makura Kamura

This may be another game reference. The Japanese word, *makura* simply means "pillow," and therefore has a lot to do with sleep magic. Kamura (an anagram of *makura*) is the name of a role-playing game made for mobile devices.



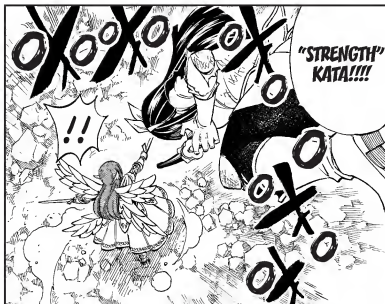
Page 11, Band

Uosuke (the traditional Japanese fisherman-like character) has a favorite word, "tai," and he uses it in his magic as well. Although there is a fish with the Japanese name *tai* ("see bream"), there are many other Japanese words that are pronounced *tai*. One of them is used in his spell, *tai*, meaning "band" or "region."



Page 115, Kata

In martial arts, a *kata* is a sequence of moves memorized by the martial artist and performed to show skill and technique. They are mainly used in karate and judo, but also in some other martial arts to hone skills and reflexes.



Page 164, Castle-sama

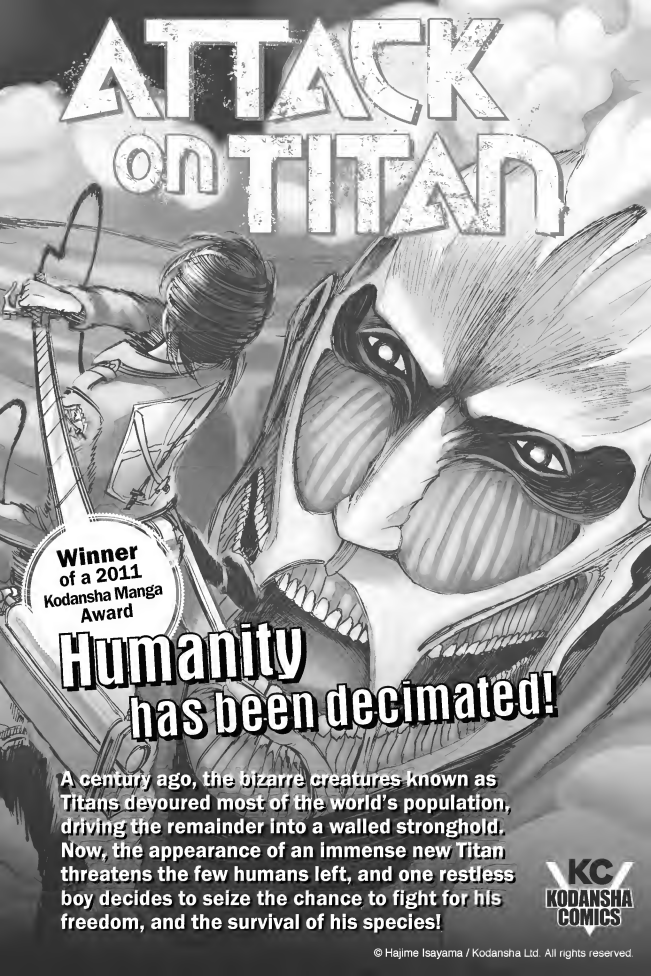
No, the honorific *-sama* is not generally used for inanimate objects. However the character of Yukino seems to use the honorific *-sama* on everyone, so it's conceivable she might mistakenly use it even on buildings.



Page 200, I lost the cover for the manga!

The Japanese editions come with dust jackets, and these sketches usually appear on the actual paperback underneath the jacket. So a Japanese reader would see this sketch of Happy if he or she lost the dust jacket.

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